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**"PRESIDENT BUSH PRAYED FOR PEACE, BUT CONTINUED TO PREPARE FOR WAR"-- (WINS radio news report, Jan.15, 6:00PM Eastern time)**

## GEORGIE BUSH GETS HIS WAR

**By Chris Flash**

**Whether or not you agree with any of the reasons or excuses for US troops to be involved in the Persian Gulf "crisis", or if you're just not sure what to think, just think about this:**

Bush has gotten consent for the deployment of troops in Saudi Arabia from the member nations of the United Nations, but not from the American people. The US Congress didn't get around to voting on whether to support Bush's actions until a few days before Bush's January 15 deadline. By the time Congress decided to play their constitutional role, they were faced with troops already deployed, so their vote was not whether to allow Bush to send troops, but whether to support the military use of those troops. So much for the system of checks and balances!!

Kuwait was created by the British petroleum industry which installed the royal family to keep the population under control and the oil flowing.

Bush's family has drilling rights in the Persian Gulf area, not very far from where the American troops are deployed.

Wars are not fought for differences of ideology, but for oil and other natural resources.

Poor economic conditions cause military enlistments to rise, using promises of free college and cash bonuses as an inducement. Mostly poor Blacks and Hispanics take the bait.

Oil consumption has almost single-handedly been destroying the environment (air pollution, ocean spills, etc). Alternative energy technology (solar, windmill, etc) has been suppressed by the oil conglomerates, who hope to have a monopoly on the new technology when the oil finally runs out, or when they are finally forced by the people to stop polluting the planet, whichever comes first.

President Bush may either back off in the face of an avalanche of public outrage against him, or he will plunge even further ahead and implement his new powers under the broadly expanded FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Act) Program. This allows Bush to seize assets and private property, round up political dissidents classified as "terrorists" into concentration camps, set up summary executions, and suspend constitutional rights to create the NEW WORLD ORDER of his dreams. To use his powers under FEMA, Bush need only declare a "National Emergency", which he already did on August 2, 1990, when he enacted Executive Order #12722!!

The Pentagon has decided they will control all media reporting in the Persian Gulf in order to prevent a repeat of Vietnam-style coverage that outraged the nation and radicalized young people, speeding the momentum that led to the end of the war. The mainstream media has made only a feeble symbolic protest in writing against the censorship, but it doesn't matter anyway. They are all controlled by the government and military defense contractors in whose benefit it is to keep their reports censored, watered down and otherwise distorted. After all, it is the mainstream media that kept the propoganda mill working overtime to sell the US on the idea that Saddam Hussein is another "Hitler", so who are they fooling? On top of that, the media has been refusing to air any ads that expose the lies being pushed by the Bush Administration and it's media lackies, so who are they to talk about censorship?

**Just remember:**

It is in the corporate and government interest to suppress any new technology and alternatives to existing industry and consumer products, such as electric autos and street cars instead of gas burners, solar power to heat homes and cook food, soybeans for plastics, hemp for paper and cardboard, herbs instead of prescription drugs, organic fertilizer instead of chemicals, etc.

They stay in power through our participation in the system they control. With everyone dropping out of their system, they will only have themselves to feed off of. Finding and creating alternatives to what they control will not only put them out of business, but will enable us to regain control of our lives and environment.

**If any of this bothers you, there are plenty of things you can do to help put the military industrial complex and multinational corporate conglomerates out of business:**

You can demand that the mainstream media air equal time ads and announcements against the war and Bush's circumventing of the constitution.

You can demand suspension of military recruiting ads on radio and television. Boycotts of the offending stations and their advertisers are an effective way to convince them.

You can boycott and direct actions toward entities (corporate and otherwise) that call for military action and that will benefit from such action.

Don't buy a new car and try not to drive any vehicles. Use mass transit and/or non-polluting transportation wherever possible.

Don't drink alcohol, smoke tobacco, borrow money from banks, buy on credit (credit cards, layaway, financing), register to vote, register for the draft, pay taxes, or use death drugs (heroin, cocaine, speed) and prescription drugs.

Boycott the mainstream media--Support the underground press and pirate radio.

Most of all, you can **BRING THE WAR HOME!!** Don't let the warmakers do their thing in peace!! There are many ways to express your feelings--be creative!!

## NO BLOOD FOR OIL

**By Nashua**

Saddam Hussein will go down in history as one of the most Machiavellian political manipulators of the late 20th century.

The dictator of a small country has, by the simple action of invading the miniscule oil producing state of Kuwait, grabbed the international spotlight and brought the world to the brink of war. Kuwait was carved out of the desert by the British in 1921. But Saddam can not bear the blame alone because it is the United States and other oil consuming countries that have given Saddam the power he now wields.

The secret to Saddam's power is the vast gulf that lies between the legitimate demands of one hundred million Arab people and the bankrupt rulers of Arab countries together with the racist rulers of Israel (known throughout the world as Occupied Palestine).

Saddam's gamble that popular hatred of the United States and its client states in the region will destroy the so-called allied coalition arrayed against Iraq now depends on the actions Israel will take in the coming conflict. Those actions are influenced by long held Israeli dreams of expanding their borders permanently to include southern Lebanon and a West Bank emptied of its "troublesome" Palestinian residents.

Saddam has made it clear that in the event of war he will quickly attack Israel to draw the country into the war. But according to news reports, Saddam won't have to try hard because the Israelis have mobilized their forces (including 150-200 nuclear weapons) and are itching to get into the fight.

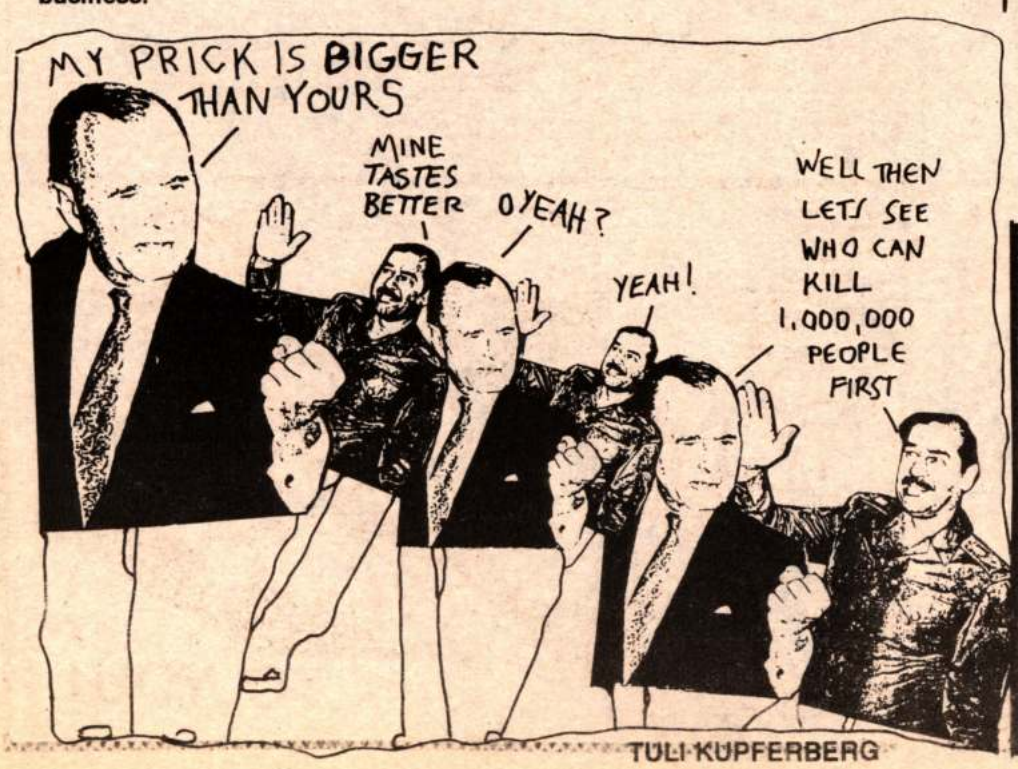
Meanwhile, along Iraq's northern border, the Turkish army, the largest in Nato, sits ready to intervene. The Turkish government wants to grab the parts of Kurdistan within Iraq. The Kurdish people are a nation divided by the British after World War I between Iraq, Turkey and Iran.

It was in Kurdistan that Saddam used poison gas (manufactured with the help of the U.S. and West Germany) to kill 5,000 rebellious Kurds in a village that had the misfortune of being occupied by Iran.

The Turkish government has also viciously repressed its own Kurdish population and they are greedily eyeing the parts of Kurdistan within Iraq. That is why the newly unified German government deployed fighter jets in Turkey, the first foreign military deployment from Germany since the end of World War II.

But while Saddam sits in his bunker waiting for his country to be dismembered, he is surely hoping that his trump card, the rage of the Arab people, will begin to topple leaders such as Egypt's Mubarek and Syria's Hassan. Maybe faced with the Arab people's deep resentment of decades of foreign domination through the oil cartels, these governments will fall.

But whatever the developments, the Middle East and the world will enter a period of hatred and national fervor directed against the forces which destroy Iraq. The world will be less stable, more dangerous and closer to World War than ever before. All the lofty goals of war mongers like George Bush will have been smashed and their own rule will come to fall.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## NO NEW WORLD ORDER

**By A. Bertoli**

In an attempt to counter the global decline of American influence, President George Bush, oil man, is once again rattling the sabre of US imperialism. Derived from the fact that US economic clout is weakening, the essence of the New World Order is the projection of American military domination everywhere. Consequently, the war in the Gulf is about the "right" of the US to control the Middle East. It's all about power, profits and oil, and a morally repugnant military intent on justifying its continued existence.

The aggression on the part of the US corporate ruling elite, its military war-lords and munitions dealers, is aimed not only at Iraq, Saddam Hussein, and the Palestinians, but the entire Arab world, Europe and Japan, the Soviet Union and anyone else who doesn't go along with their plan, their New World Order.

In order to insure long term control of Mid-East oil, which constitutes 2/3 of the world's strategic commodity reserve, US strategists are determined to establish a permanent military base there. The maintenance of US corporate monopoly over oil prices, which amounts to global extortion, is insured through massive US military/police presence, a presence designed to insure passivity, particularly in those sectors of the local population most exploited under the present profit distribution scheme.

At home, economic collapse and major recessions are evident, with massive lay-offs, higher costs, and less work, housing and healthcare available. A public made gullible through hard times is primed to hate an external enemy. The war, on prime time, in color, (censored of course), tries to divert popular anger away from the source of domestic ills, namely the wealthy corporate bosses, towards a "madman" who actually did nothing that hadn't been done before (eg. Greneda, Panama etc.). The threat of war helps to promote billion dollar Pentagon budgets to a "peace dividend" oriented public, whose aim in the coming period must be the reclamation of the wealth of the people for real and pressing social needs rather than submit to the dictatorial control of the Pentagon, Inc.

The adventure of war is being sold to poor and working class youth, bored and frightened with few options, mostly Black and Latino. These are the expendable ones, casualties of cuts in college tuition aid and planned shrinkage in education. They are products of a high-tech media environment which saw to it that they were never going to really be all that they could be. They are cannon fodder for the generals, pawns in their game, who must be told to resist their own dehumanization and to boycott the military machine for their own survival. They must see the devil of white supremacy at work in the Pentagon, its racist and profoundly sexist spirit, its predictable anti-Arabisms meant to set the table for mass murder of possibly hundreds of thousands of people.

Operation Desert Shield, psy-war code name for the US military operation in the Middle East, is one component of a more general orientation towards US world domination and control. "Peace" for the National Security State and its New World Order, is insured through the implementation of military and economic strategies, both in the "front" as well as "rear guard" countries. In the US itself, the hand of the war makers is evident in the build up and militarization of a police apparatus correlated to domestic "emergency management" requirements, coordinated federally by the Federal Emergency *Management Agency (FEMA). These requirements are simply to identify and neutralize resistance to Pentagon war operations. Real or staged terrorist actions could be used to* declare "martial rule", round up and detain hundreds if not thousands of people. Resistance to these likelihoods must begin now. We must target the munitions manufacturers, banks and oil companies, and others who are key operatives in militarisms chain of command...

Finally, the eruption of war in Iraq, if it should occur, is no more than one more overt manifestation of what has remained constant over the past 4 decades, namely, the totalitarian machinations of the military industrial complex. War, for the US State and its fascist ruling class, is continuous, and is limited only by popular resistance at home and abroad. War making is spiritual sickness, where the demons of violence are rewarded in blood, where medals grace the bloated bodies of greed. The problem and the challenge is this: In order to stop the big business war machine, whose clandestine managers live in shadows, we must take apart the war making system itself. Simply stated, the requirement of peace is the necessity of revolution. Peace means Revolution.

CLASS WAR - NOT IMPERIALIST WAR !

> Naturally the common people don't want war...but after all it is the leaders of a country who determine the policy, and it is always a simple matter to drag the people along, whether it is a democracy, or a fascist dictatorship, or a parliament, or a communist dictatorship. Voice or no voice, the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is tell them they are being attacked, and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same in every country.
> --Hermann Goering

## WAR IS THE HEALTH OF THE STATE

**By P.Nip**

Bush's hot nuts for war is a panic response to the decline of US power. The war frenzy serves both international and domestic needs. As the US economy collapses, the ruling elites need to divert popular anger away from themselves and on to an external scapegoat--Saddam Hussein. Real or contrived terrorist threats in the US will provide the convenient justification for a domestic clamp-down on unrest, protest and dissent.

In the wake of the fall of the Soviet bloc, the US elites need a new excuse to maintain the "National Security State" and the military industrial complex. Apparently, the "War on Drugs" was an insufficient justification. Throughout the 1980s, the US military machine has been subsidized by massive deficit spending underwritten by Japan and West Germany. With the new economic superpowers of a United Europe and Japan rapidly soaring past the US in financial might, the only ticket to global power which the US still holds is military might. In order to assure that the new power blocs do not cut the US out, Bush and his pals need to convince them that the world is still a dangerous place, that they still need a global cop to secure resources such as oil from uppity "third world" strongmen. If Saddam Hussein did not exist, it would be necessary to create him.

## WHAT IS REALLY GOING ON

**By Issar**

What is really going on is that this country is being bamboozled into sacrificing its own young flesh and blood on the filthy altar of Eternal Universal Crime. Stand fast against the madness of those whose corruption runs so deep they imagine it glory, whose dishonesty is called cleverness, and whose bald lies are broadcast from every television and radio tower! They choose war because they seek to profit. For them, peace has never been an option. Not in ten thousand years have they ever seen the profit in it.

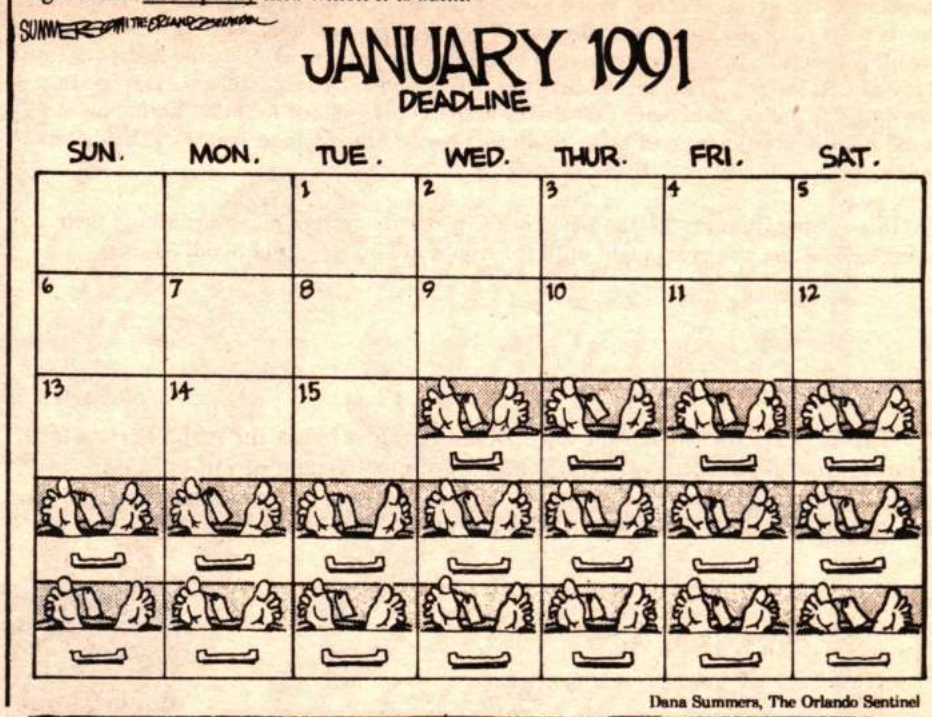
In my lifetime, they murdered one man to slaughter a million in South East Asia. In the 1980s, they littered Central America with the bones of the poor. A million died in the war between Iraq and Iran and nobody tried to stop it. Why not? That particular carnage was seen to profit Europe.

As Noam Chomsky has said, the Bush Government opposes linking a Palestinian Peace Conference with a diplomatic settlement in Kuwait, because they've opposed both the peace conference and the diplomatic settlement---obviously they oppose linking the two.

The press claims "a blunder" caused the US Ambassador to Iraq to tell Saadam Hussein that the US Government could give "no opinion" on the then imminent Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. Two days after "the blunder", the US Ambassador to Iraq left Baghdad "to go on vacation". Two days after this, Saadam Hussein heeded these unmistakable signals by invading Kuwait. Anyone who believes that the US State Department is capable of "blundering" in that manner with "another Hitler", really needs a long vacation themselves at an appropriately restful sanitorium.

So what can be behind all this except **an elaborate plan to establish a plausibly deniable pretext for the permanent stationing of hundreds of thousands of US troops in the very heart of the Middle East oil fields?**

Yes, this war was inevitable---it's been inevitable for 27 years---ever since the CIA took complete control of the US Government and drove it directly into Vietnam. A government established by crime fosters crime. People of conscience in this country should consider that the chain of endless slaughter that follows America's movement through history can never be broken until a clear majority of Americans is educated out of the morass of ignorance and apathy into which it is sunk.




Dana Summers, The Orlando Sentinel

# ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATORS BRING THE WAR HOME!!

**By Chris Flash**

Almost as soon as President Bush announced his January 15 deadline for Iraqi troops to end its occupation of Kuwait, anti-war demonstrations broke out simultaneously in cities all over the country. In Washington, D.C., demonstrators have been maintaining a vigil in Lafayette Park, across the street from the White House. Some people have even set up a memorial wall with names of American soldiers who have died so far in the Persian Gulf. In San Francisco, protestors took over the Golden Gate bridge, and a SHADOW source reported 4,000 protestors at the Federal building there, burning and trashing unattended police cars on January 16. At one point, fighting broke out between "peaceful" protestors and angry Anarchists when the "peace nazis", as they were called, decried the Anarchists' expression of anger. Even so, fires burned all night. The next day, 3,000 demonstrators marched on Market Street and 5,000 hit the stock exchange. According to the source, they plan to return every day if necessary.

In New York City, demonstrations have taken place since January 13, targetting the United Nations, source of the resolution supporting Bush's war, and Times Square, historical site of anti-war protests. On January 14, approximately 400 demonstrators, mostly high school students representing STUDENTS AGAINST WAR who took the day off from school, rallied at the Times Square recruiting station where they were met by more than 100 cops with horses, cars, trucks, vans and scooters. The marchers were kept on the sidewalk by the line of cops that followed as they headed down Broadway to Union Square. Several skirmishes broke out between pigs and demonstrators along the way, leading to some arrests, some un-arrests, flag burnings and a snowball fight. After a brief rally at Union Square, some marchers ran downtown past the police horses trying to corral them. Some pigs tossed their nightsticks at the feet of demonstrators in an effort to trip them. As the marchers ranks thinned out, pigs picked off protestors for selective arrests.

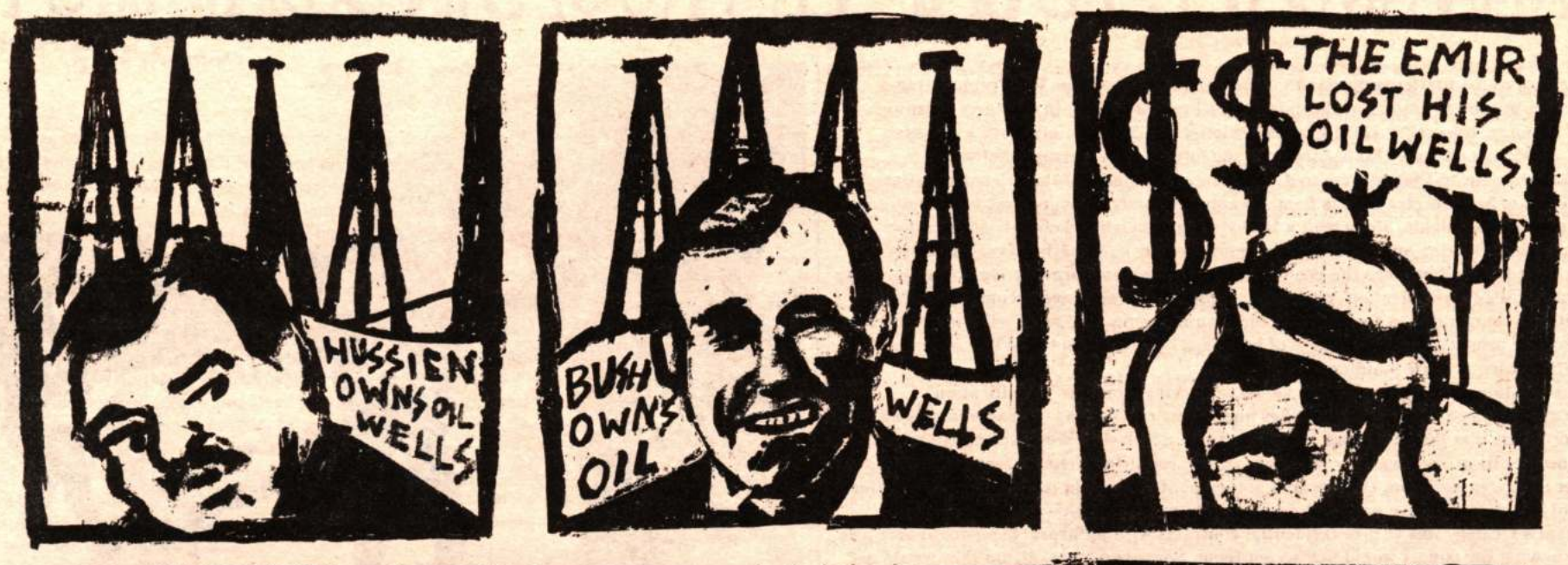
The next day, a massive noon rally was held at the United Nations, attended by more than 1,000 people. While most of the participants were unaffiliated politically, the demonstration itself was set up by the Workers World Party (WWP), who had a permit for a sound system.

On January 16, shortly after news reports that cities in Iraq had been bombed by American and British forces, Times Square and the U.N. were again the sites of huge demonstrations, alternating between both locations. Thousands rallied at the U.N. at 10:00PM, and hundreds marched back and forth to Times Square, up and down side streets, defying police attempts to contain them in barricaded areas. In the face of the incredible numbers against them, the cops wisely chose to back off and not make any moves against the people. By 11:00PM, the marchers joined a rally of over 3,000 people already in progress at 47th Street and First Avenue. Soon, a giant bonfire was lit, fed by a stack of police barriers. The march then continued back to Times Square and then down toward Wall Street. On the way downtown, some marchers took the Brooklyn Bridge, walking in between cars jammed on the roadway.

Suddenly, a car with two men inside accelerated and ran down seven people, killing two of them. As the crowd panicked and ran, a woman was forced over the railing and fell 90 feet, leaving her in critical condition. The car passenger was seen tossing a paper bag containing something into the water before running away. The driver was pulled out of the car and beaten to the ground as the demonstrators destroyed his vehicle. Inside the car were several empty bottles of booze, and the driver reportedly reeked of alcohol. Pigs, who were following closely behind the march at all times, waited for more than ten minutes before approaching the accident scene. When asked why they were not helping, one pig responded, "This is what your peace marches turn out to be". One pig told another man "You should have all gotten hit". Other pigs were seen laughing among themselves as the bodies of those hit lay nearby. After a while, pigs cleared the area by pushing and clubbing everyone in their way. The police ambulance that finally arrived only radioed for other ambulances, but did nothing for the injured being comforted by the other demonstrators. (The driver was later only charged with "Drunk Driving"!!)

As of this writing, January 17, the New York City demonstrators plan to continue their protest against the war every night until the troops are pulled out of Saudi Arabia.

PHOTOS (Clockwise from top): Demonstrators break through barriers in Times Square--Jan.14; Pigs grab young man in chokehold in Times Square--Jan.14; Flag burns in Times Square--Jan.16; Death car surrounded on Brooklyn Bridge--Jan.16. PHOTOS BY PIED PIPER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# BERLIN SQUATTERS BATTLE TROOPS IN 3 DAY RIOT!

By Chris Flash

Months of anti-squatter propoganda in the media set the stage for a premeditated police action to evict squatters of Pfarrstrasse in Prenzlauerberg in the early morning hours of Monday, November 12th. After the eviction, 40-50 squatters from a squatter complex on Mainzerstrasse (Main Street) in the former East German district of Friedrichshain went to Pfarrstrasse to demonstrate in support of the evicted squatters.

At the time, Mainzerstrasse was home to approximately 200 squatters in 12 buildings housing gays and straights, along with a bookstore and neighborhood playground for children. Mainzerstrasse and Prenzlauerberg are in poor neighborhoods in what was formerly East Berlin, but since the West German government formally took over Germany in what they called "reunification" on October 3rd, these areas have become desirable to real estate developers due to their central location in Berlin. In East Berlin, where there was no private property, former owners of buildings before the end of WWII are now seeking the return of their buildings.

In anticipation of rising real estate values stemming from the "reunification", speculators have been buying old buildings and sitting on them as the value increases. The squat movement that began around 1981-82 led to a new law in West Germany that stopped owners from keeping their buildings empty, requiring them to renovate them where necessary. In addition, the German government was afraid of the growing squatter movement as squatters have occupied privately and government-owned buildings. The government's strategy was to give residential contracts with unfavorable terms to occupied squats, knowing the squats would not accept them. Some squatters, afraid they would get nothing, accepted the contracts, causing division between groups of squatters. By October 3, when the West German government took power, all deals were off.

The German Democratic Republic (GDR) of East Germany was broke, and as East Germans watched scenes of luxury and abundant consumer goods available in West Germany on their televisions, their growing anger and discontent led to the breaking down of the Berlin Wall. East Germany is now in a difficult position since the "reunification". Since then, though wages have doubled, rents and the cost of living have more than doubled. Four million unemployed are now estimated, where before the "reunification", there was no unemployment in East Berlin.

Riot cops used the demonstration by the Mainzerstrasse squatters as an excuse to hit their squats as well, and by noon on November 12th, Mainzerstrasse was invaded by police riot vehicles, water cannon tanks and armored personnel carriers. After pushing into parked cars and bicycles and shooting water into windows of buildings, the police soon left, only to return later that day. Meanwhile, the Mainzerstrasse squatters and their neighbors built barricades in anticipation of their return.

By 11:00 that night, approximately 500 riot cops returned to Mainzerstrasse with their vehicles, trying for five hours to break through the barricades. The people fought the pigs back with molotov cocktails, slingshots, cobblestones and flare guns as the riot cops cordoned off the surrounding neighborhood. West German police were exclusively used for the raid, because East German police are not trusted after some of them have expressed support for the squatters and since most have no riot experience. Failing to penetrate the barriers, the riot cops retreated, but kept the area surrounded.

The next morning, November 13th, special riot forces from all over Germany came to support the riot cops. During the stand off, the people built up their barricades (which included a commandeered street car), gave interviews with reporters and met with University professors and members of the local community parliament, some of whom stayed in the squats with the squatters. People were free to come and go as the riot cops stood by quietly.

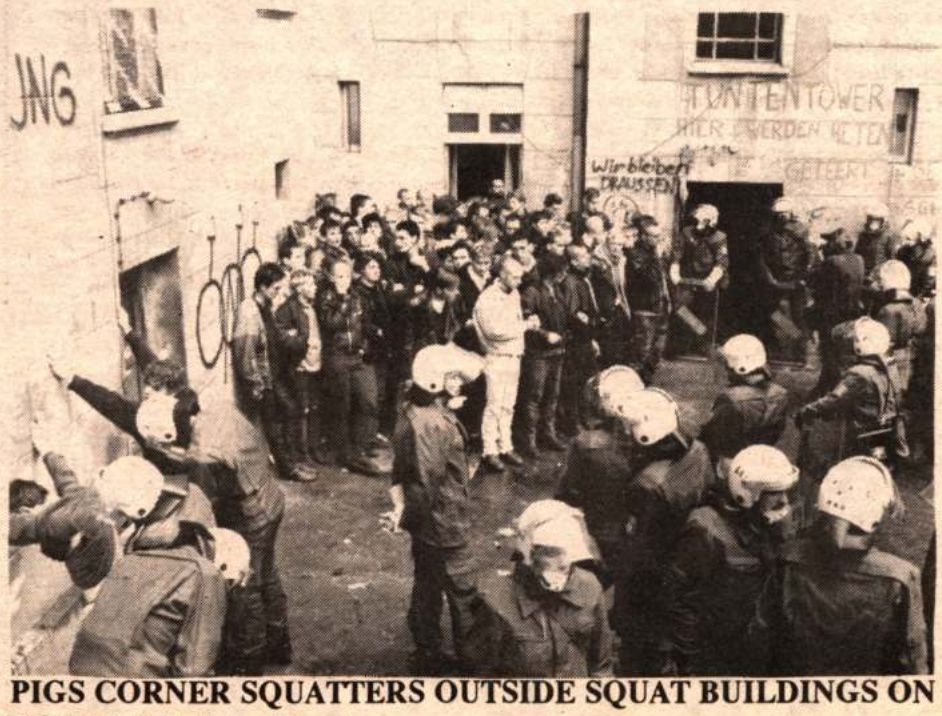
Others caught by cops at the barricades were charged with assaulting the cops, while the SANITAT workers were allowed to carry three injured people (a broken elbow, a head wound and a gunshot wound in the foot resulting from a riot cop's "warning" shot!!) on stretchers to waiting ambulances. They and the doctors were later arrested and charged with violating the Anti-Riot Act.

After the squatters and their supporters were arrested and rounded up, the riot cops closed off the street, allowing only those with special ID cards to enter the residential block. The squat buildings were closed off and squatters' belongings were destroyed, though some student groups and supporters were able to enter the buildings and salvage some items. Most of the Mainzerstrasse squatters have since relocated to other squat buildings.

In New York City, several Lower East Side squatters picketted in front of the German embassy at Park Avenue and 57th Street on November 25th in solidarity with the German squatters. Since the Mainzerstrasse eviction, two additional squat buildings were evicted in December, and Mayor Walter Mompar, who vowed to crush the squatter resistance at Mainzerstrasse and called in the massive number of riot cops to evict them, saw the collapse of his fragile coalition government when leftists walked out in solidarity with the squatters.

Members of AUTONOMOUS SANITAT set up a First Aid Station on Mainzerstrasse, staffed by 20 workers wearing special First Aid hats, and two doctors with medical supplies. This group was formed in the late 1970s as an alternative to the slow ambulance response at demonstrations and riots, and due to the collaboration between ambulance workers and police who usually come to hospitals to pick up injured protestors.

At approximately 4:00 on the morning of November 14th, while still dark outside, a suspicious fire broke out in a residential building on Mainzerstrasse in a basement coal pile. This was an ominous sign since the riot cops had sent a message that they would attack at 5:00AM. The squatters tried to extinguish the fire, but had to open their barricades just enough to allow firemen and a hose to enter. Soon after the firemen left with evacuated residents, about 3,000 riot cops with special vehicles began their final assault between 5-6:00AM. Pigs came over roofs as their vehicles pushed through the seven barricades. 500 people fought back with their homemade weapons for two hours before the pigs finally succeeded in penetrating the block and rounding them up. 370 were arrested while others got away. Those entering buildings to escape were beaten brutally by the pigs during the eviction. 300 were charged with "Trespassing", while the other 70 were charged with violating the "Anti-Riot Act". (According to German law, if you are present at a riot and do not leave the scene, you can be charged with riotting). Those people are facing a possible ten year sentence.




**PIGS CORNER SQUATTERS OUTSIDE SQUAT BUILDINGS ON NOV.14. (Photo by Rosa)**

# SQUATTER MOVEMENTS IN CENTRAL AMERICA

**By Bill Weinberg**

Squatter movements exist throughout Central America, and are an integral part of the revolutionary process which has been shaking the region for over ten years now. In many areas, squatting has become an important part of the economy. Not only are abandoned buildings squatted in almost every Central American capital, but campesinos (peasants) are also forced to squat land in the countryside--so in Central America squatting is meeting food needs as well as housing needs.

The root of the crisis in Central America is the region's incredibly skewed land distribution. As large corporate-contracted banana plantations, cattle ranches, and coffee and cotton farms expanded (always with infusions of finance from the likes of Wall Street and the World Bank), campesinos who used the land to grow corn and beans to feed themselves were squeezed out--leading to hunger, poverty and support for leftists guerillas. It has also led to rural squatting which has become so widespread that it is estimated that one out of every six campesino families in Costa Rica is farming land to which it does not hold legal title. Such rural squatters are known as precaristas, because they are in a precarious position--they can be kicked off of their land at any moment. And they frequently are--either by the hired goons of local ranchers and oligarch coffee growers, or by government death squads.

The corporate banana plantations are contracted by the likes of R.J.Reynolds (Del Monte) and United Brands (Chiquita), while the coffee and cotton plantations are generally owned by the local oligarchies (such as El Salvador's "Fourteen Families", or Panama's "Twenty Families"). They both leave lots of land unused as a speculation, and make intensive use of dangerous pesticides in the land under cultivation. Cotton and cattle production require few employees, while conditions on the coffee plantations frequently border on actual slavery, with employees running up debt to the landlord faster than they can earn it off, while their children are being exposed to toxic pesticides. More and more Central American campesinos feel that they have no option other than to go precarista, and the movement is rapidly growing.

## Panama

When the United States invaded Panama last Christmas, aerial bombardment devastated the poor barrio of Chorillo in Panama City. The Pentagon claimed that this was merely due to the proximity of Panamanian military barracks, but many believe that the bombing was actually designed to crush fierce resistance in the barrio. At least hundreds were killed, and thousands were left homeless as their houses were hit by incendiary bombs. Afterwards, the US military rounded up these homeless refugees in a giant hangar at Albrook Air Field in the US-controlled Canal Zone. Since then, the population has trickled out of the hangar as most of the refugees have accepted cash settlements from the US. The US occupation forces bar the refugees from returning to Chorillo. It also seems that the money offered by the US in insufficient for the refugees to start anew somewhere else, since many of them have wound up squatting in buildings partially destroyed during the invasion. Others have refused the money and have taken the US government to court demanding more.

On July 20, 1990, in Panama's Carribean province of Colon, nearly 50 families who had been left homeless by the invasion were evicted from the vacant buildings they had been squatting by US troops with attack dogs and armed personnel carriers. Several of the mothers of these families started a hunger strike on August 1 to demand a return of their squats.

Panama remains in a severe economic crunch, and US aid has not even been sufficient to rebuild what the invasion destroyed. Homelessness remains at crisis level, and unless Congress coughs up enough money for Panama to effectively rebuild (which is unlikely), squatting will certainly grow.

## Nicaragua

Another Central American city never rebuilt after being partially destroyed is the Nicaraguan capital, Managua. Managua was actually devastated twice within six years. The first time was by a massive earthquake in 1972. Afterwards, aid poured into the country from the US and Europe, yet Managua was not rebuilt--the corrupt US-supported dictator Anastasio Somoza simply pocketed the aid in an embezzlement scheme. This didn't go over too well with the populace, and the dictator soon found himself being driven from power by a revolutionary movement led by the Sandista guerillas. In July 1979, when he could finally cling to power no longer, he gave the country a good-bye present before high-tailing it to Miami with the national treasury: he had Managua aerial bombed with his government's lone Israeli-made warplane.

When the US imposed an embargo in Nicaragua six years later, as a part of the effort to "destabilize" the Sandinista government, Nicaragua's economy fell apart and a squatter population boomed in the vacant buildings which had been partially destroyed by either the earthquake or Somoza's bombardment. The Sandinistas, with other things on their minds, did not interfere. The new US-backed Chamorro government has talked of removing the squatters, but many of them still remain.

The Sandinistas had also been extensively involved with rural squatter movements. A base of their support in the countryside came from a campesino group called the Association of Rural Workers, or ATC. In the final days of the Somoza regime, the ATC started squatting the large plantations and ranches. In fact, Leon province was under the control of the Sandinistas and the ATC squatters even before Somoza had given up power in Managua. The landowners had fled and the squatters were in control.

After the Sandinistas took Managua on July 19, 1979, the squatter movement in the countryside was brought under control by the new government. Squatters on land which had belonged to Somozistas (i.e. overt cronies and ass-lickers of the Somoza regime) were allowed to stay, and were granted legal title to the land. The former Somozista plantations became ATC collectives. However, if it could not be proven that the former landowner was Somozista, it was returned to his hands and the squatters were evicted.

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# PIGS EVICT BRONX SQUATS!!

**BY CHRIS FLASH**

On December 4, 1990, 52 squatter families of the Inner City Press group were forcibly evicted from their city-owned homestead building at 1724 Crotona Park East in the Bronx. Days before, on December 1, a suspicious fire in another homestead in 1728 forced squatters to join those already living in 1724. The Buildings Dep't. quickly declared both buildings unsafe even though the fire damage at 1728 was limited to one floor and only part of the roof, and both buildings were already occupied and renovated over the past two years. Ironically, the City of New York issued electrical permits for work at 1724 that would have brought the building up to code.

In the two years that the buildings had been occupied, the city tried but failed in court to get the residents evicted. In the four months preceding the fire at 1728, Peter Cantillo, of the Dep't. of "Housing, Preservation and Development" (HPD), came to the buildings to threaten evictions, promise new apartments, and otherwise cajole residents to leave. Strangely, the fire came on the day Cantillo told residents they would be evicted. Once the city declared the buildings "unsafe", a court-ordered eviction was obtained by HPD.

Through the efforts of the Tompkins Square Legal Defense Committee, residents of the building obtained a court-ordered stay of eviction to prevent the evictions until the matter could be decided in court. As they had done so often on the Lower East Side in the past, the city's lawyers got the order overturned. Before the ink could dry on the latest court order, hundreds of riot clad pigs rolled onto the block toward the buildings in riot buses, trucks and vans, followed by ambulances, HPD workers, and a communications vehicle from the "Mayor's Special Office of Emergency Management", which was later revealed to be connected with the FEMA office in NYC. (More on FEMA elsewhere in this issue.)

Within an hour, as members of Mayor Dinkins Community Affairs Dep't, (including Dinkins lackey Michael Kharfen) looked on, riot pigs succeeded in breaking into 1724 and removing squatters who had barricaded themselves inside. Some residents of the building were fooled into leaving the scene with workers from the "Human Resources Administration" (HRA) who promised them free apartments in newly renovated buildings nearby. In fact, they were taken to the Fox Street shelter nearby, which is known for its violent gangs and unhealthy living conditions.

Less than two weeks later, about 100 Inner City residents and supporters rallied at City Hall to demand a meeting with Kharfen. After dragging his feet, Kharfen finally met with 5 people inside City Hall, but as expected, he promised them nothing.

On Christmas eve, several squatters began a fasting against evictions. As the day grew colder, some sought refuge in the warmth of St. Paul's Trinity Church nearby, where Mayor Dinkins appeared to narrate xmas carols!! After he finished, he told the audience to "Remember those among us who are less fortunate". This was fine coming from the man whose evictions of more than 50 families surely made them "less fortunate"!!

ANTI-CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN
EVICTION NOTICE
DON'T WORRY, THERE'S PLENTY OF THESE TOYS FOR EVERY SQUAT
TOYS FOR SQUATS
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# DINKINS CLOSES ENGINE CO. #17

By ISSAR

Engine #17 was closed by the Dinkins Administration on January 3rd. The day before the scheduled closing, Lower East Side squatters called a demonstration in front of the Pitt Street Firehouse that attracted a lot of press and made the lead story on the 10 o'clock news. (The demonstration broke open a wall of media silence on the subject of the firehouse closings). Squatters were joined by Guardian Angels at the demo and the Guardian Angels returned the next morning, **chaining themselves to the fire engine to prevent it from being taken out of the station.**

At the same time, **LES Community Activists Joel Meyers and Clayton Patterson were in State Supreme Court** attempting to block the removal of Engine Company #17 by legal means. The Guardian Angels were eventually pulled out from under the fire engine by cops who got their white shirts covered with grease. Meyers and Pattterson failed to obtain a temporary restraining order by a technicality, and had to settle for a four week adjournment.

The Meyers and Patterson case for the restoration of Engine Company #17 will be heard on January 31 at 9:30 am, in room #412 of the State Supreme Court, 60 Centre Street. The Judge in the case, Judge Diane Lebedoff, will have the legal power to order the restoration. The Center for Constitutional Rights is providing legal advice through activist/lawyer Joan Gibbs.

Meyers and Patterson have a good chance to win the case, seeing that **it is clearly demonstrable that the closing of Engine Company #17 is a direct threat to the health and safety of the people of the Lower East Side.**

One witness in the case will be Dr. Roderick Wallace, who has thoroughly researched the mass urban burnout of the 1970s, which displaced over a million people. The burnout destroyed the South Bronx, East New York, Bedford/Stuyvesant, and many other NYC neighborhoods, and **was caused primarily by the closing of 50 ghetto firehouses by the Rand Corporation, a Pentagon research institution which had been given overall management of the NYC Fire Department in 1972!!** (Dr. Wallace has been interviewed by squatter/activist Eric Rassi in the January 23rd issue of Downtown Magazine)

Dr. Wallace will address a COMMUNITY FORUM to be held at the **Henry Street Settlement House, 466 Grand Street, one block from the Pitt Street Firehouse.** Also speaking at the forum will be Elaine Itkin and Marty Rogers of the citywide New York Fire Protection Coalition.

# DINKINS YIELDS TO PUBLIC PRESSURE ...40 NYC FIREHOUSES WILL STAY OPEN

(Engine Company #17 To Remain Closed)

By ISSAR

At a town-hall meeting in Queens on January 14th, David Dinkins announced he was scrapping his plans to close more than 40 NYC firehouses. He qualified his remarks, however, by stating that he "could not tell what might happen in the future". This kind of fraudulent posturing is Dinkins' favorite pose and is quickly becoming his defining trademark.

Dinkins is trying to contain what is rapidly becoming "a Dante's Inferno of public protest". [This, according to the New York Times, whose knowledgable writers sometimes display a dead-on-target, ironic sense of humor over matters their editors disallow them from openly reporting].

Dante's Inferno indeed... Surpassing all known levels of ridiculous arrogance, Chief Deputy Mayor Norman Steisel and the whole coterie of slithering long-time operatives behind "The Dinkins Show", are all in a hasty retreat from their ill-considered proposal to close the 40 firehouses *en masse*; this coming practically on the heels of the historic city-wide fire/abandonment catastrophe caused by the 1970s "fire-cuts", which had burned a million people out of their homes by the end of that disastrous decade.

Finally, these assholes are beginning to realize that everyone in New York is not totally asleep 24 hours a day! Frightened off by the increasingly like prospect that THE SKELETONS of their last, infamous round of genocide might JUMP OUT OF THE CLOSET at them, the bumbling sorcerer's apprentices are desperately trying to put the Genie back in the bottle. Hoping to let the press go back to sleep--Dinkins is now claiming he won't close any more firehouses.

**They've already closed almost 60 firehouses! Since 1988, NYC has been entering a SECOND WAVE OF BURNOUT in many poor neighborhoods, which are more severely overcrowded than they were in the 1970s. Only A COMPLETE RESORATION of adequate fire-protection services throughout the city can stave off another disaster. Recent NYC fire statistics indicate that a burnout of major proportions will begin to develop spontaneously, at anytime in the next few years, because of the severe fire service deficit. [Not enough fire engines arriving quickly on the scene to hold fires to a single apartment within the tenements].**

Burned and abandoned buildings set off contagious processes of urban desolation and decay that have already destroyed neighborhoods like the South Bronx, East New York, Central Harlem, and Bedford/Stuyvesant. The newly overcrowded neighborhoods of the Northwest Bronx, upper Manhattan, Crown Heights, Flatbush, and others **will be next,** unless they're adequately protected **now.** For a pittance in a 28 billion dollar City budget, NYC can restore all the closed firehouses and protect **all its citizens** and **all its neighborhoods** from fire destruction. **NO MORE RACIST GENOCIDE!**

# A NEW YORK CITY HISTORY OF HOUSING DESTRUCTION THROUGH THE CLOSING OF NEIGHBORHOOD FIREHOUSES

BY ISSAR

There is a famine in New York City today, *a housing famine* which is neither an accident, a natural state of affairs, nor an act of God, but a deliberate act of man undertaken for racist motives about the year 1972.

It was in that year, under the direction of the Rand Institute, an adjunct of the infamous Pentagon "think-tank", the Rand Corporation, that the NYC Fire Department began to close scores of fire stations in various poor neighborhoods. These neighborhoods were consequently unprotected in an era in which the frequency and seriousness of residential building fires was escalating tremendously. "In the face of detailed predictions of an impending firestorm and imminent social disaster..., NYC nevertheless closed over 50 neighborhood fire stations between the years 1972 and 1976." (See Wallace/Public Health, Public Order, etc.) The results of this momentous and historic policy decision can be seen in the charred and devastated remains of the South Bronx, West Bronx, Central and East Harlem, East New York, Bushwick, Brownsville, Bedford-Stuyvesant, South Jamaica in Queens, and the Lower East Side of Manhattan. The deliberate withdrawal of fire protection from these neighborhoods set off a chain reaction of physical and social destruction, the complex effects of which remain with us today:

1. A complete disruption of social networks of hundreds of thousands of poor families, resulting from the deliberate burnout, displacement, and forced migration of *over one million* New York residents in the 1970's. The long-term consequences of a mass demographic upheaval such as this include many of the most intractable social problems-uncontrollable street crime, drugs, alcohol abuse, despair among the young, and the likely faster spread of AIDS as heroin addicts originally infected are now dispersed over much larger geographic areas.

2. An extreme housing shortage (a "million-unit net deficit" statewide, according to State Commissioner of Housing Richard Higgins), resulting primarily from the burnout and demolition of New York's poor communities.

3.The so-called "homeless problem", which developed in the early 1980's upon cessation of what was called "white flight" from NYC proper. With no more apartments being made vacant for displaced persons by the outward migration of whites to the suburbs, rents doubled and tripled in these years as a result of the artificially produced housing famine. A crisis of massive homelessness then fell upon those most vulnerable, a crisis which has not been alleviated in *ten long years.*

In spite of an infamous policy disaster (of course having been translated into "the stuff of legends" in the upper echelons of city government), the news of the day is *that this policy is about to be repeated by Mayor David Dinkins and Company, who are now threatening to close another 40 fire stations, amid conditions of widespread doubling-up of tenants-conditions therefore ripe for a repeat of the massive burnout and displacement which took place in the mid-1970's.* (Detailed documentation of this claim is available through Dr. Roderick Wallace of the NY State Psychiatric Institute, 722 W. 168th Street, (212) 960-5684, and has been provided to the Dinkins Administration through the Uniformed Firefighters Association).

It is about time that the NYC press corps wakes up and investigates the history of this policy, and adequately informs the public.

**EUPHEMISMS OF THE DEPUTIES**

Michael Kharfen, Director of the Mayor's Community Assistance Unit, has recently been using the term "jumping the line", a cute euphemism for describing what the administration does not want to deal with: namely squatters and homesteaders who rebuild neighborhoods *in a grassroots manner without authorization from those who* burned down these neighborhoods in the first place. What does this mean? After the era of the fratricidal policies just described, which created thousands upon thousands of vacant lots and abandoned buildings, a so-called "line" was drawn around the devastated areas, a line that has marked these areas as zones of destruction wrought and managed by the City of New York. Yes, the squatters and homesteaders have "jumped the line", but lets be clear about what the line is: an "off-limits zone" first envisioned by the City Planning Commission in 1969, as it planned for the deliberate "shrinkage" of New York's poor communities.

**$100,000 APARTMENTS**

$100,000 apartments are not affordable. This type of construction work is beyond the means of most New Yorkers and beyond the means of the City of New York itself, which is now cutting every imaginable service to reduce a 2 billion dollar budget deficit in 1991.

Nevertheless, each time the City renovates a single apartment in an abandoned building, it spends $100,000 or more per unit for construction. This means that the number of units delivered by NYC's current method will never be sufficient to address the "million unit deficit" described by New York State's own Commissioner of Housing. In other words, supply and demand can never be balanced if available monies are squandered on overly expensive renovations. It is this "million unit net deficit" which has *doubled and tripled rents*, and forced nearly 100,000 homeless people to sleep in the parks, shelter, and subways of New York City each night for the past ten years. How long can this be allowed to continue?

In addition to this, close to half a million New Yorkers are currently "doubled-up" in other people's apartments because they cannot afford to rent their own. The Dinkins Administration is obviously not only failing to solve the problem, but is actively seeking to exacerbate it by the WITHDRAWAL of vital neighborhood services, most importantly fire protection, from our remaining vulnerable communities.

**LEAVE THE SQUATTERS ALONE**

Squatters and homesteaders are not working in abandoned buildings by accident. They are responding creatively to an extreme housing famine. As we've stated, rents are double or triple what they ought to be by any reasonable measure, as a direct result of the lack of affordable housing.

Squatting and homesteaders bring pride, fellowship, community, and real organizing to a neighborhood, as well as up-to-code housing created for *one tenth the cost* of what the NYC Government spends. The reason David Dinkins is attempting to eradicate whole communities of squatters and homesteaders, is that is politically embarrassing for NYC to be shown to be spending ten time the amount necessary on these renovations. Simply put, because it is successful, they are trying to stop it. Homesteaders and squatters are pioneering a new, alternative housing program that is desperately needed. In fact, a program of this variety is the only one that has a chance for success in the long term: rebuilding in a cost efficient manner the neighborhoods and communities of NYC. Michael Kharfan, assistant to David Dinkins, recently told homesteaders that if they "came up with a plan for financing, then we might consider it". We, as squatters, would like to know how David Dinkins plans to house the people of New York City over the next ten years when he is spending *one million dollars per tenement* on renovations done for the benefit of petty contractors and big-time development organizations.

# YUPPIE SLIME IN DEEP SHIT OVER DOG RUN IN PARK!!

BY ROCKY STEVENS

Since the early 1980s, 131 Avenue B has earned its share of negative press. Village Voice reporter Wayne Barrett documented in a March 1981 article how the landlord-induced fires and beatings by hired goons in 1980-81 drove tenants out of this formerly low-income housing building. The yuppie slime arrived in the mid-80s when the building went co-op after being flipped several times by several owners for big profits.

Residents of 131 Avenue B now include **Samuel ("Scurvy") Turvey**, a well-connected real estate speculator of housing meant for low-income tenants. **(See SHADOW #9 for the whole story).** Turvey, along with notorious right-wing "Community" Board 3 member and would-be City Councilman **Antonio Pagan**, leads a group of neighborhood yuppies calling themselves the Tompkins Square Park Neighborhood Coalition (TSPNC). They have been seeking to enact a curfew in the park and evict homeless residents and squatters in and around the area of the park since the infamous police riot of August 1988.

As the 90s begin, New York City's real estate market has collapsed and the new gentry on the Lower East Side are now desperate to reverse the trend. In the spring of 1990, the NYC Parks Department closed off the center section of Tompkins Square Park, often referred to as Dog Hill, where neighborhood dogs ran freely in a fenced in area. This transformation of Dog Hill into a facsimile of a Westchester golfcourse seemed like a gift to the yuppies, whose condo and co-op resale values have suffered so well. Of course, the large constituency of dog owners who had been using Dog Hill for years had to be given another area to keep their dogs off this expensive new turf. The dogs were exiled to a shady dusty stretch of the park near Avenue B, between 9th and 10th Streets, which also happens to be across the street from Samuel Turvey and his ilk at 131 Avenue B. Dogowners spent weeks cleaning and refurbishing the new area, laying down and raking out truckloads of woodchips and lime to combat the dusty fleabitten soil. Turvey and his fellow yups, concerned about this new perceived threat to their property values, loudly complained to Borough Parks Commissioner Patrick Pomposello's office.

As the cold winter of 1990 approached, the new dog run acquired new neighbors as homeless persons were driven from other parts of the park that were being closed off to them. This further upset the co-op owners across the street, spurring Turvey and his TSPNC followers into action. Three letters appeared within days of each other in all three New York newspapers, all accusing the homeless of various crimes against humanity, including "fornicating" in front of young children. **(See SHADOW #14 for the whole story).** From November through December, as temperatures dropped, yuppie complaints against the homeless in the park and the firebarrels they use for warmth rose. This resulted in stepped up police harrassment of the homeless and the extinguishing of many fires as the complaining yuppies slept comfortably in their warm apartments.

Emboldened by their success, the yups began a new offensive against the dog run. Their first move was recruiting famous dog hater Fran Lee, who says she leads a group called "Children Before Dogs", to inspect the area and report for Channel Five's "Good Day New York". On the morning of December 7th, after collecting human feces she said contained tuberculosis, Lee told her audience that a possible TB epidemic now faced the dogs. (In fact, cases of dogs with TB are extremely rare).

The next morning, dogowners found the dog run chained and locked shut. Parks Dep't. Supervisor Mike Nappa had to come out with a shovel to liberate the area, and circumstantial evidence linked this vandalism to the 131 Avenue B yuppies. The dogowners were incensed.

The next Monday morning, Pomposello's office got almost one hundred phone calls from outraged dogowners objecting to this campaign to shut down the area they had worked so hard to establish. That afternoon, Fran Lee again showed up to take photos of the dog run but was chased away after she loudly asserted that women used pit bull terriers for sexual purposes. She fled to the relative safety of the yuppie-occupied Christodora House and has not been seen since. Later that day, Assistant Parks Commissioner Ed Norris declared that the dog run was in good shape.

The next morning, Pomposello arrived at the park for a meeting with Samuel Turvey. Along with Nappa, they began a tour of the park. Stopping at the homeless encampment at Avenue A and 7th Street, Pomposello told Nappa this was a good area for a new dog run. Nappa agreed, and Pomposello told him to "take all these homeless people and tents and move them to the old dog run across from Mr. Turvey's building". This was more than Turvey could handle in the way of a bargain, and the dog run stayed put.

This ongoing controversy has had a chastising effect on the yuppies of 131 Avenue B, since they have gained noteriety for their complaints against the homeless and the dogs. Mounds of dog poop have begun piling up inside the building's front gate, and one night, a locksmith was seen repairing the gate lock, which, according to a reliable rumor, was Krazy-Glued shut. Not much has been heard from Turvey and company since then, but no doubt he and his TSPNC cult will soon have another scheme to improve their real estate values.●

# JAMES BAY DEMONSTRATORS HIT CANADIAN CONSULATE

BY P. NIP

On Saturday, January 5th, the James Bay Action Team (JABAT) held a demonstration outside the Canadian Consulate in the Exxon building at Sixth Avenue and 50th Street. It was attended by about 200 people, including a delegation of Cree Indians from Northern Quebec. The Cree homeland would be flooded by the massive James Bay II hydro-power complex which is slated to be built by Quebec's provincial utility, Hydro-Quebec. The new dams would flood an area the size of Vermont which is the last continuous wilderness area of that size left in eastern North America, and a home for many threatened species, including caribou, and fresh-water seals and whales. The project is being funded by such New York fatcats as Citicorp and Shearson-Lehman, and Con Edison is slated to purchase the biggest chunk of the electricity that Hydro-Quebec would export from the new dams.

Since the project.would both flood traditional Cree hunting grounds and poison the water by leaching Mercury from the rock, the Cree call the project genocidal. Much of their land has already been destroyed by the James Bay I dams built in the 1970s, and the Cree have pledged to resist construction of James Bay II. The construction of roads to the next river slated to be dammed, the Great Whale, is scheduled to begin imminently. The JABAT demo was aimed at letting Hydro-Quebec know that there are folks in New York organizing in solidarity with the Cree to stop construction.

Several speakers, both Indians and local activists, made the point that the James Bay II project is part of the same industrial leviathan whose insatiable appetite for power at any ecological or human price is plunging the planet towards war. Steve witt, "The Outlaw Folksinger", performed an impromptu song, and props were provided by the Arm of the Sea theatre group. JABAT pledges future actions to keep up the pressure, and can be reached at (212)674-2286.●

SIR...
"CONGRESS SHALL MAKE NO LAW RESPECTING AN ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIGION, OR PROHIBITING THE FREE EXERCISE THEREOF;"
HEY MISTER!
"OR ABRIDGING FREEDOM OF SPEECH, OR OF THE PRESS;"
HEY!
"OR THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE PEACEABLY TO ASSEMBLE,"
"AND TO PETITION THE GOVERNMENT FOR A RE...
BAM!
"JUST WHAT IN THE HELL! DO YOU EXPECT TO ACCOMPLISH WITH ALL THIS SENSELESS VIOLENCE ?!!"
R. COBB
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# COP WATCH!! BY C.W.

Well, here we are again! Since the pathetic "Temporary Headquarters Vehicle" ("THV" in kop jargon) has left its parking spot at the corner of East 10th and Avenue A, the kops have stepped up their foot patrol in and around Tompkins Square Park. It looks like they ran out of the sidetracked funding that was earmarked for fighting the coke and heroin dealers just a block or two from the THV!

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Street peddlers around Cooper Square still get more than their share of abuse from plainclothes kops who alternately fence them in with barriers and scatter their stuff before stealing it in their garbage bags. These kops were seen in November doing just that:

**D.I.JULIAN HAGGLES WITH STREET PEDDLER**

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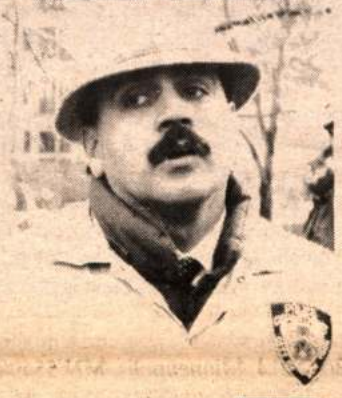
These kops were seen at the scene of the December 4th eviction of squatters in the South Bronx:



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Firebarrels used for warmth in Tompkins Square Park have also been the target of the kops lately. Despite a court order obtained last winter by lawyers Stan Cohen and Ron Kuby allowing firebarrels for warmth in the park in the cold weather, some kops think this applies only to the Parks Department and not to them. The Parkies must allow up to 8 firebarrels in the park, while the kops, under direction from Deputy Inspector Julian, have been trying to limit them to only three. This resulted in a demonstration on December 22, wherein a local activist engaged in a tug of war over a barrel with one kop who could only repeat "Sir, you can't light any fires. Sir, we can't let you light any fires." Even so, the kop lost the barrel which was kept lit for a good long time while the kops just stood by and watched! Maybe if they had a better attitude, the kops could have kept warm with the demonstrators!

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Not that all the kops are as passive. What about those brave boys and girls in blue who repeatedly beat and stomped a young female NYU law student on East Third Street last November when she had the nerve to ask two kops why they were hassling her friend? The kops also hit the young woman with various assault charges, claiming that she had attacked them! This, of course, justified their calling for reinforcements, all of whom joined them in taking turns stomping on her ribs and beating her several times, even as she lay prone on the ground at one point. The kops justified this behavior by calling her a drug dealer/drug addict, and when the young woman sought a complaint through the CCRB (the mis-named "Civilian Complaint Review Board"), she was told that they would not take her complaint because according to their records, she is a "drug dealer"!! The young woman now faces felony charges stemming from the kop assault. **More COP WATCH on next page**

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# COP WATCH . . . Continued From Page 10

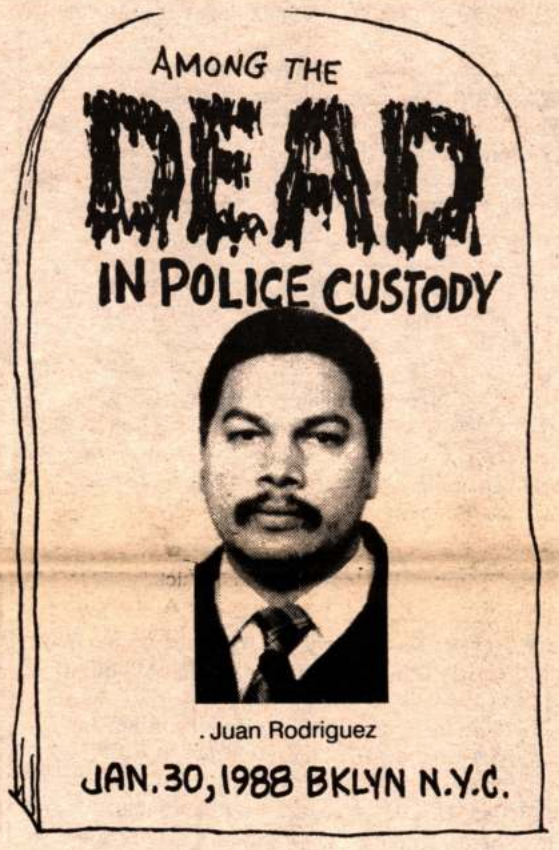
As 1990 came to a close, many transfers have taken place throughout the police department. Whether this is normal procedure to try to stem the tide of kop corruption, or to consolidate certain kops in new details, we're not sure. One of those transferred was Deputy Inspector Michael Julian who was "promoted" and now works in police commissioner Lee Brown's office. (Could it be that he is a part of the newly-formed anti-terrorism task force, feeding information on all Lower East Side activists into FBI computers, briefing Federal agents on who is who in the political movement here?) Apparently, he has been replaced at the 9th Precinct by a Captain Esposito, who comes from the Wall Street area. Frankly, after all the exposure and free publicity we've given Julian, we expected at least a "Good-bye" from him!

**D.I.JULIAN IN HAPPIER DAYS--Summer 1990**

**JULIAN PEDDLES HIS STOLEN WARES ON ASTOR PLACE**

Congratulations to "Community Cop Watch", published by the Minneapolis Coalition for Police Accountability (P.O.Box 8214, Minneapolis, MN 55408). Not only do they watch the kops in their community and report on their doings as we do, they also document police abuse (verbal and physical), and refer readers to eight different groups set up to document kop abuse and lodge complaints. We can never have too many Cop Watchers!

As always, thanks to the ever-increasing numbers of kop watchers who keep their eyes and ears trained on the koppers. If you have any info on or photos of the kops that you'd like to see published and added to our mug books, please send it all to the SHADOW at: P.O.Box 20298, New York, N.Y. 10009. Now, more than ever, with thousands of additional kops about to be hired, keep on watching those kops!!



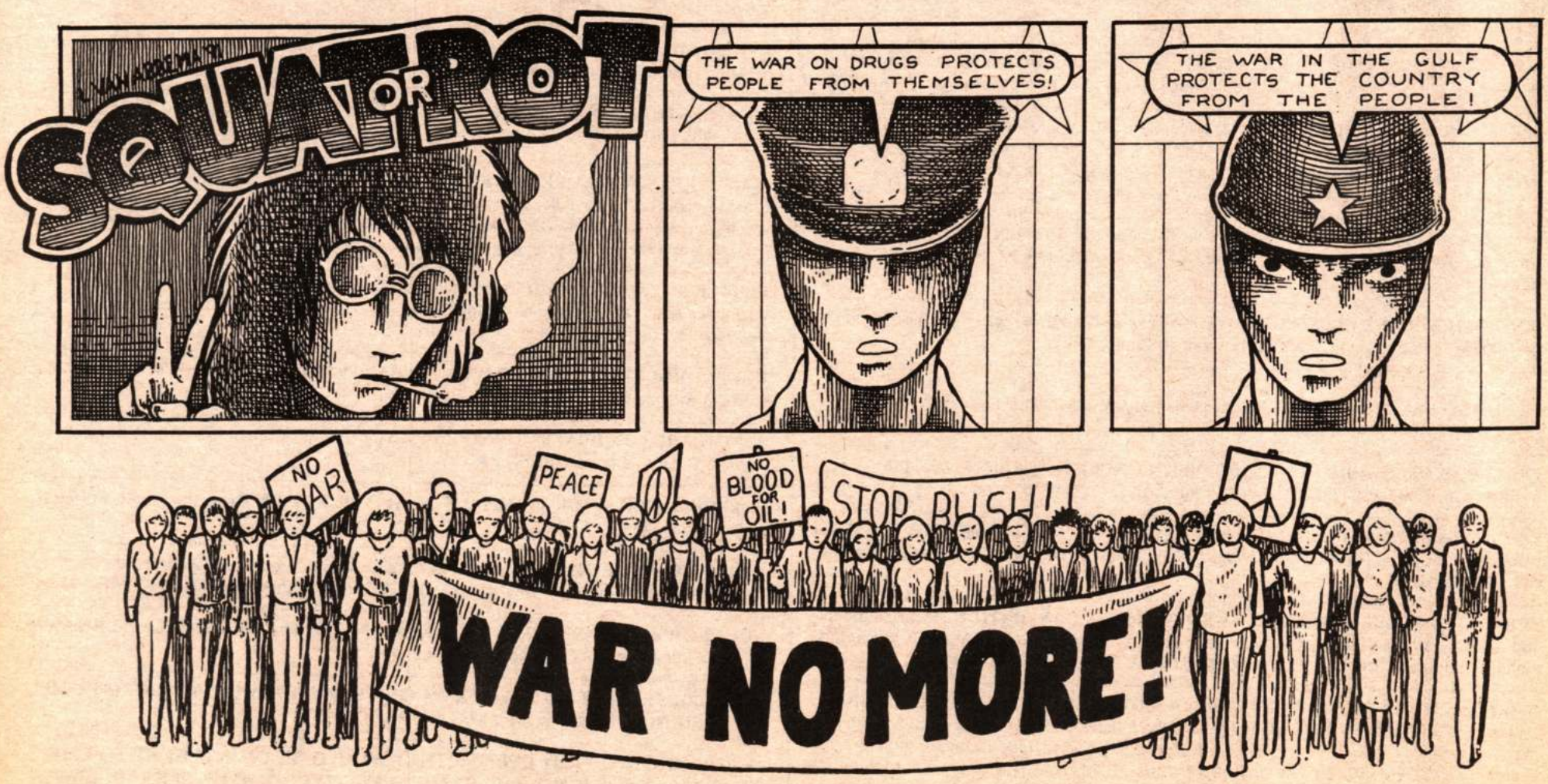

**Dear WAR,**

I've been receiving WAR for a year or so, and let me tell you that we in Jew York think you guys are right on the button. The cartoons by A.W. Mann are a standard feature on the precinct bulletin board, until the niggers see them or the Jew bosses. But they never have any idea who posted them. Ha! The other officers love them and we are still mostly White men here on Jew York's force of the "finest". What we all are looking for though is "Race & Reason" on local cable. Why not? What does it take?

Anyway I've got lots of buddies on and off the force who support you totally. We're sick to death of nigger crime.

Sieg Heil,
Cop in N.Y.

**FROM "WAR" (WHITE ARYAN RESISTANCE) NEWSPAPER**


SQUAT OR ROT
THE WAR ON DRUGS PROTECTS PEOPLE FROM THEMSELVES!
THE WAR IN THE GULF PROTECTS THE COUNTRY FROM THE PEOPLE!
NO WAR
PEACE
NO BLOOD FOR OIL!
STOP BUSH!
WAR NO MORE!

# EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

****BEWARE OF GROUPS YOU DON'T KNOW WELL--PROTECT YOUR TRUE IDENTITY AND TELEPHONE NUMBER!! WATCH OUT FOR SET-UPS!!****

**JAN.17--WBAI SPECIAL "HEMP AND OIL"**--Radio show featuring N.J.NORML, Ben Masel, and special guests. On WBAI--99.5FM, 1:30AM-6:00AM.

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**JAN.18--MAYDAY 29 IN COURT**--Misdemeanor cases prepare for trial. At 100 Centre St, Part AP9, 9:30AM.

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**JAN.19--ANTI-WAR MARCH**--In Washington, DC with the Coalition against US military in the Persian Gulf. For info, call (212)254-2295. Dominated by Workers' World Party.

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**JAN.19--HIV TESTING INFO**--Available at 208 West 13th St, 1:00-6:00PM. For info, call (212)807-6655.

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**JAN.19--TRIPS FESTIVAL 25TH ANNIVERSARY**--Commemorate the first "Acid Test" thrown by Ken Kesey and his Merry Pranksters. Original pranksters Wavy Gravy and Ken Babbs will be present. At Wetlands, 161 Hudson Street, 9:00PM.

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**JAN.20--TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES STREET THEATRE**--Motorists receive tickets for their four-wheeled pollution devices. For info, call (212)941-4600.

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**JAN.22--ABORTION FORUM**--Discussion with teenagers, parents, legislative activists on harmful restrictions of abortion services for young women. Sponsored by NARAL, NOW, Planned Parenthood. For info, call (212)724-5770.

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**JAN.22--AIDS BRIGADE NEEDLE EXCHANGE**--At court building, 100 Centre Street, Noon. For info, call (212)714-7129, or call (617)269-8236.

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**JAN.22--ANARCHIST POTLUCK DINNER**--Planning meeting for upcoming anti-war march in Washington, DC. At ABC No Rio, 156 Rivington Street, 7:30PM.

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**JAN.22--THEATRE OF THE HOMELESS BENEFIT**--Poetry and music at the Chameleon Bar, between Avenues A + B, 8:00PM.

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**JAN.23--LISC/ENTERPRISE FOUNDATION FORUM**--Find out the truth behind the new housing plan for the Lower East Side. At St. Brigid's Church, Avenue B + 7th St, 7:30PM

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**JAN.23--EARTH FIRST! BENEFIT**--For Colorado activists facing charges for protesting condo development in grizzly bears' habitat. At Wetlands, 161 Hudson Street, 9:00PM. $8.

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**JAN.24--LIBERTARIAN BOOK CLUB FORUM**--Doug Henwood, of Left Business Observer, speaks on "Today's Disorder: Promise or Threat?", at Workman's Circle, 369 Eighth Ave, 7:30PM.

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**JAN.25--MARCH ON CITY HALL**--To demand no more budget cuts, no more evictions, and a just distribution of the public wealth. Bring banners, noisemakers, etc. For info, call (212)292-6443.

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**JAN.26--ANTI-WAR MARCH**--In Washington, DC with the Campaign for Peace in the Middle East. For info, call (212)227-0221. Sponsored by War Resisters League.

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**JAN.26--SQUAT OR ROT**--"Homeless, Not Helpless", 30 minute video of homeless person deciding to squat. At ABC No Rio, 156 Rivington Street, 7:00PM. Live music by the Radicts follows screening. Second screening at 9:00PM. $3.00 donation suggested.

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**JAN.27--FIREHOUSE FORUM**--Dr. Roderick Wallace explains how and why New York neighborhoods were destroyed by uncontrollable fires in the 1970s after the closing of firehouses. At Henry St. Settlement House, 466 Grand Street (At Pitt St.), 4-6:00PM. For info, call (212)505-9148.

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**JAN.31--FIREHOUSE CLOSING PROTEST**--Rally at 125 Pitt Street Fire House at noon for 1:00PM march to State Supreme Court at 60 Centre Street.

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**FEB.1--MAYDAY 29 IN COURT**--Felony cases prepare for trial, at 111 Centre Street, Judge Uvella, 10th Floor, 3:00PM.

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**FEB.2--WAR RESISTERS LEAGUE BENEFIT CONCERT**--At ABC No Rio, 156 Rivington St, 4:00PM, $4.00 donation. For info, call (212)254-3697.

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**FEB.9--VIDEOS BY PAUL GARRIN**--Featuring Tompkins Square Riots in "By Any Means Necessary". At ABC No Rio, 156 Rivington St, 9:00PM, $3.00 Suggested donation. For info, call, (212)254-3697.

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**FEB.23--3RD ANNUAL N.BROOKLYN SMALL PRESS CONVENTION**--Meet members and publishers of the underground/alternate press, zines, graphics, etc. At the Minor Injury Gallery, (address), Brooklyn, from 1:00PM-7:00PM. For info, call (718)(#).

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**FEB.23--MARCH 2--LIES OF OUR TIMES + COVERT ACTION NEWS BULLETIN DEBATE THE NEW YORK TIMES**--Video debate between LOOT editor Bill Schaap and NY Times week in review editor William Borders. Panelists include Dean Johnson of Columbia Univ. + Harrison Salisbury of NY Times. Bill Schaap will be present to field audience questions. At ABC No Rio, 156 Rivington St, 9:00PM, $3.00 Suggested donation. For info, call (212)254-3697.

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**MAKE MONEY SELLING THE SHADOW!!** You keep 25 cents for each copy you sell. Homeless persons keep full cover price. Inquire at A-CENTRAL BOOKS, 208 East 7th Street, or call (212)674-0581.

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**TOMPKINS SQUARE LEGAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE--has kept track of those arrested during political demonstrations and pig riots in order to get them legal representation and out of jail. This is just some of what they do to help individuals and groups involved in the struggle for justice on the Lower East Side. They need volunteers and funds to help cover costs incurred by movement lawyers who work free of charge, and to set up a bail fund to get activists out immediately. Please write or send donations to: P.O.Box 20723, New York, N.Y. 10009, or call (212)969-0185.**

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**WFMU RADIO (91.1FM) IS IN JEOPARDY!!** Threatened by other radio stations' complaints to the FCC over a minor reception overlap, they need you to write letters of support to: WFMU,c/o General Manager Ken Freedman, Upsala College, East Orange, N.J.07019. These will be filed with the FCC. Support free-form radio!!

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**SAVE THE ANIMALS/SAVE THE EARTH** Hotline:(212)642-8180. For info, write to P.O.Box 1723, FDR Station, New York, N.Y. 10150-1723.

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**UNDERGROUND/POLITICAL/ALTERNATIVE VIDEO NIGHT**--Friday nights at A-CENTRAL BOOKS, 208 East 7th Street, 8:00PM. For info, call (212)674-0581. Donations gratefully accepted.

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**FREE VEGGIE EATS**--During "Happy Hour" at the Wetlands Preserve, 161 Hudson Street, Mon-Fri, 5:30-7:00PM.

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**TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES** Direct action to protest Dept of traffic decision to close Queensboro Bridge bike lane. Bikers meet Mondays at 6:00PM on Manhattan side of bridge at 59th St. For info, call (212)941-4600.

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**VILLAGE GREEN RECYCLING TEAM** receives recyclables at West 4th St.+ Sixth Ave. Call (212)GR3-4227 for hours.

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**WHAM (Women's Health Action and Mobilization)** meets Wednesdays at 224 West 4th St. at 6:30PM. For info, call (212)713-5966, or write P.O.Box 733, New York, N.Y. 10009.

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**TRANS-SPECIES UNLIMITED** Animal rights group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Sacred Heart Church, 457 West 51st St. at 7:00PM.

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**ACT-UP (AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power)** meets Mondays at the Gay + Lesbian Center, 208 West 13th St. at 7:30-11:00PM.

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**VIGIL FOR PEACE IN THE MIDEAST**--Wednesdays on Fifth Ave, near 50th St, from Noon-2:00PM. For info, call Peace-In-The-Gulf Action Line at (212)475-7159.

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**GAY MEN'S HEALTH CRISIS (GMHC)**--Holds seminars every Tuesday at 129 West 20th St, at 7:00PM. For info, call (212)807-6655.

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**HOUSING NOW! HOTLINE**--For up to date news on housing events, legislation, and actions. Call (212)316-7544.

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**RECYCLABLES NOW BEING COLLECTED**--At new recycling center on East 7th Street, between Avenue B + C, across from A-CENTRAL Books.

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**FREE CLOTHING AVAILABLE FOR HOMELESS AND SQUATTERS**--At A-CENTRAL Books, 208 East 7th Street, 1:00-6:00PM, or call (212)674-0581.

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**MAINSTREAM MEDIA REPORTERS**--Are you fed up with the recycled crap you are forced to cover? Is your editor/program director squelching or watering down your story? If you have news items they refuse to let you report, then pass it all to the SHADOW. If it is true, we are not afraid to print any story. Write, or call (212)674-0581.

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**BOTTLE BILL VIOLATORS?** To complain about a merchant violating the Returnable Container Law, call the state recycling hotline at (718)482-4999. Give the exact address of the store and the cross street when you call.

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**UNDERGROUND PRESS REVIEWS**--On WBAI (99.5FM) Radio, every Tuesday at 1:00AM with Peter Lamborn Wilson.

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**SANCTUARY FOR DRAFT RESISTERS**--At Saint Brigid's Church, East 7th Street and Avenue B. See Father George Kuhn.

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**PERFORMANCE SPACE AVAILABLE**--At ABC NO RIO, 156 Rivington Street. For info, call (212)254-3697.

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**WHITE HOUSE PRESS OFFICE**--Check out secret news reports the White House feeds the media days before they "report" it to you. The secret number is:1-800-424-9090.

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**SQUAT OR ROT SHOWS**--Every Saturday from 3-8:00PM at ABC NO RIO, 156 Rivington St. Also, punk news and Anarchist literature table.

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**NUCLEAR DETONATING DEVICES WANTED FOR WHIRLWIND TERRORIST TOUR OF WASHINGTON, D.C.** Inquire c/o The SHADOW.

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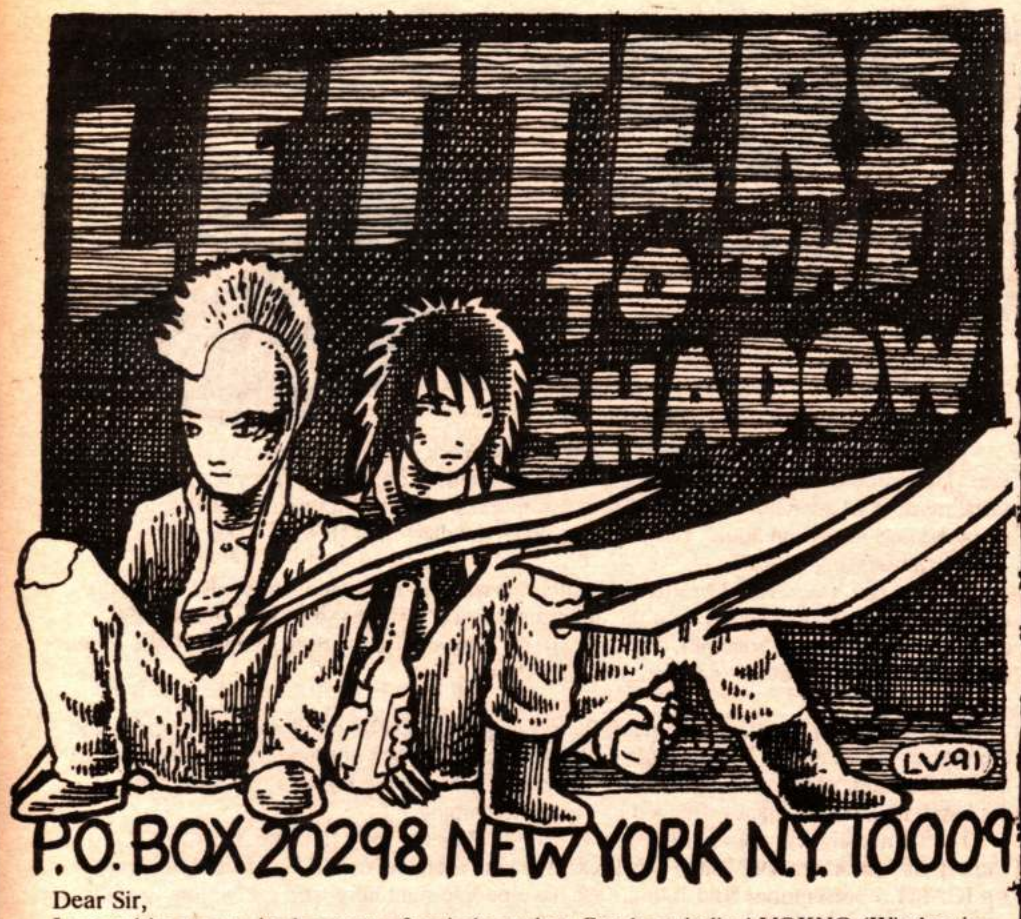
**IF YOU KNOW OF ANY EVENTS THAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS, OR IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO PROMOTE, PLEASE SEND ALL INFO TO THE SHADOW, P.O.BOX 20298, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10009. THE SOONER YOU LET US KNOW, THE BETTER!!**




Dear Sir,
I am writing to you in the name of an independent Czech periodical VOKNO (Window in English). Even though it may sound strange, VOKNO can be said to have been, very probably, the last truly underground periodical in Europe. The radical turnabout in Czechoslovakia has made it possible for the two editors of VOKNO to be set free, and they are both out of prison now.
As you may know, all that happened in late November, 1989, just when VOKNO celebrated 10 years of its underground existence. What a strangely impressive balance sheet: 10 years-15 issues-and a total of 15 years in prison for the two leading editors, Ivan Jirous and Frantisek Starek who are no terrorists, but were prisoners of conscience. Their only crime was their hard work for an alternative cultural periodical, work often judged by the authorities of the totalitarian state as highly subversive. We have always considered it our job to inform the thousands of our readers about the true situation in Czechoslovakia and about culture in other countries. Our work over the past decade may also have helped, we should like to hope, to change the situation in Czechoslovakia: a small spark that helped to ignite the flame of democratic revolution. Now we can stop being conspiratorial, and can start to work openly, in an atmosphere of relative freedom.
*I know that it is difficult for you to visualize the conditions in which we had to work in the past; perhaps it will be easier for you to imagine the difficulties we are now facing in having to start, more or less, from scratch. For many years we had been condemned to live and work in conditions of a special kind of information blockade: now we are slowly starting to build the bridges needed to span the abyss dug by the system's 40 years rule. The blockade could also have been described as a wall, and we are now turning to you to help us in clearing away the ruins of that wall. We are hoping to provide a kind of modest information centre, a kind of stock of cultural information from all over Europe, and we hope that you will find yourselves in a position to help us in this. It would be an expression of solidarity.*
We shall be happy if you can send us your periodical; but the convertibility of the Czechoslovakian currency is still a distant future dream, so that we are unable to pay, and anything you are able to send will have to be a present.
We shall be grateful for any kind of help and expression of solidarity.
Yours sincerely, Lubos Drozd
VOKNO
Redakce, Bolzanova 7, Praha 1,
Czechoslovakia

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Dear Comrades,
We are an autonomous info-bookshop from Copenhagen, called ZAPATA. We have heard, or rather read about your magazine in the Swedish Anarcho paper BRAND. We send you a copy of our English-languaged newsletter. If you could send 2-3 copies of your magazine to our shop we would be very happy.
Unity is reached as a struggling movement--
The ZAPATA Collective
ZAPATA
Blagardsgade 12
2200 KBH.N.
Denmark

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Dear Friends,
We need help! Send me any info bulletins, political and musical, and bring us in contact with alternative bands!
Yiamiris
MERLIN'S MUSIC BOX
Argiroupoleos 27
Athens, 114 71
Greece

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Dear Comrades,
The Autonome Volxbibliothek is a free library in the Reitschule in Bern. This is a huge building that used to be the horse riding school. It stood empty for many years and has been squatted for three years now.
Take Care,
Wildcat
Autonome Volxbibliothek
Neubruckstrasse 8
3012 Bern, Switzerland

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Hi!
**Blitz** is a squatted youthhouse, run voluntarily by autonomous street-level activists. On the house we have various activities, such as a legal radio, practising rooms for bands, a bookshop, with magazines, records, books and other things from all the world, a vegetarian cafe, which also is used for gigs by local and international bands 1-2 times a week, political activities on different levels and topics and various other stuff. We got the house from the city council eight years ago after several riots and squattings. We were legal until the politicians wanted the house back in 1988. Now we're in a position where the house could be torn down any day, but we'll fight.
We're always interested in getting in touch with other people doing the same sort of things around the world. From what **Nausea**, who were here this spring, told, things are pretty tough in the U.S. as well.
Fight The Power!
Kjell H.
Blitz Bokkafe
Pilestredet 30C
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NORWAY

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When man's habitat is endangered, man becomes an endangered species!
Please keep me posted--anything and everything.
Yours in Struggle!
R.D.
Princeton, New Jersey

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This is an SOS, an urgent distress call. I am currently in prison serving a LIFE sentence for a crime I can prove I did not commit. I was in the company of at least seven people when the crime occured, yet, my court-appointed attorney refused to talk to or subpoena any of these crucial witnesses for my defense. He refused to subpoena a minister's wife and daughter who were present when one of the prosecution's key witnesses pulled a sawed-off shotgun on me, and then aimed it at my mother when she shielded me with her own body to keep him from shooting me.
The police in my case manufactured evidence from the victim using hypnosis and tampered with her memory since she had previously identified several other men as her assailants (there were two). My trial attorney (David Boal) refused to investigate the facts or research the law on hypnosis; he refused to challenge its illegal use in court. The trial judge (William Cook) excused the attorney from going to talk to or call my defense witnesses, ruling, on the record, that it is a well known fact in the State of Kansas that white attorneys are leery of going in Black neighborhoods to interview witnesses for their client's defense. My trial judge is a racist. THERE IS NO JUSTICE FOR A BLACK MAN IN THE STATE OF KANSAS. My lawyer argued this issue to the court in Holmes vs State.
There is much more injustice involved. I need help from the public and the media. I have witnesses. I urge the public and media to get involved and help me get my case before a Dr. Martin T. Orne, the country's top expert on the use of hypnosis in criminal trials.
I cannot afford a lawyer and I no longer trust Kansas lawyers after the way my trial attorney did me. In fact, a review of my sentencing transcript will reveal that I complained to the court that my attorney balled up his fist and threatened to beat me up because I kept pulling on his arm while he tried to ignore me as I begged him to call my witnesses.
I CANNOT DO IT ALONE. ANY ASSISTANCE ANYONE CAN PROVIDE WOULD BE DEEPLY APPRECIATED.
My transcripts and case record are in the possession of Alfredo G. Parrish, Attorney At Law, 3939 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50312; (515)277-5737. Kansas Governor's Office:(913)296-3232, or 1-800-432-2487. Kansas Attorney General: (913)296-2215.
Harold E. Holmes, Jr.
P.O.Box 2
Lansing, Kansas 66043

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Sisters and Brothers:
It is my unfortunate duty to inform you of grim tidings from Syracuse.
Our alternative bookstore (MEMORY HOLE Bookstore) is no longer in operation and should be taken off your mailing list. An attempt to open a community coffee house at the same location (called TEA HERE NOW) was unsuccessful due to a refusal of the landlord to continue or renew the lease on the storefront.
Our P.O.Box remains open and is being used as a local contact point for Rainbow Family, Big Mountain Support, and other community activists.**[Alternative Info Network (AIN), P.O.Box 906, University Station, Syracuse, N.Y. 13210]**

Now for the bad news: I was targetted in a police sting operation and arrested October 18 on charges of "sale of a controlled substance". I am presently being held hostage in lieu of $50,000 bail. Some people in the community are attempting to organize legal help. (People who would like to get in touch can write Morgan at our P.O.Box address).
Prior to my work with MEMORY HOLE, I was active in the Chicago 1986 and Minneapolis 1987 continental gatherings and regional Anarchist gatherings. In 1984 + 1985 I published two issues of (R)EVOLUTION, an anthology of old and new Anarchist writings. I've also been active in Smoke-Ins, Big Mountain Support and Rainbow Family activities.
I would appreciate hearing from anyone who would like to write. CARRY IT ON!
Dale R. Gowin
Annex West
P.O.Box 143
Jamesville, N.Y. 13078

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Dear SHADOW,
It is regrettable that you've decided not to print Met Council's Resolution on Evictions in its entirety since it clearly states our position and totally belies the SHADOW's characterization that Met Council is "...one of the so-called "housing" groups...that supports the evictions of hundreds of squatters from city-owned buildings that squatters have been working on for many years."**(See "Anti-Warehousing Demo Results in Mass Arrests" in SHADOW #14--Ed.)**
It is apparent from both our 32 year history and our Resolution on Evictions that we have always taken a stand against evictions. We have done it on the Lower East Side and, as well, in the case of Inner City Press Homesteaders in the Bronx. It is also true that Met Council has no interest in having any of the buildings "handed over" to us to manage or develop. We are a tenant's union, fighting for affordable and permanent housing for everyone. we are supported by membership, not by city, state or federal funding.
Please reconsider your decision and print the entire Met Council statement and correct the inaccuracies created by your statements in the last issue of the SHADOW.
Thanks,
Gloria Sukenick
Metropolitan Council on Housing

**Dear Gloria,**
**I am one of the authors of the offending article. Met Council has indeed taken steps to distance themselves from groups such as the Joint Planning Council (JPC) and Cooper Square, which are at least interested in building their own little empires as in providing housing.**
**Your resolution on evictions stated, "We urge that those who have taken empty buildings and made homes for themselves and not-for-profit housing groups come together and target the real culprits...the real estate industry and the city administration!" This is a far cry from Antonio Pagan's contemptuous aside that his group expected HPD to deliver squatter buildings to them empty, or from Fran Goldin's emotional tirade at a CB3 Housing Committee meeting in which she stated that she felt that squatters, by interfering with her plans, were being 'ungrateful'."**
**I apologize for any misunderstandings that the article may have caused.**
**Stuart Frankel**

Dear Editor,
Great Paper! You can never have too many cartoons, including Seth Tobocman's. I wish you all the best....
Now for the "but"....in SHADOW #14, "Anti-Warehousing Demo", the ubiquitous phrase "high-powered lawyers" **(describing Ron Kuby and Norman Seigel, both of whom came to the aid of demonstrators arrested by pigs at an Anti-Warehousing demo on October 6th--Ed.)**. I've seen this phrase labelling lawyers who work for the AMA, for example....never for lawyers who work for communities. One can imagine a headline "High Power Lawyers Represent Low-Power TV (or Radio) Station...."
Regards,
Jim Davis
ACT-UP Housing Committee

# DAY OF OUTRAGE!

## ARRESTS AT AIDS BRIGADE NEEDLE EXCHANGE

**By CISCO!**

On December 11, a broad coalition of activists participated in a demonstration at the Criminal Court Building at 100 Centre Street, calling for the establishment of community-based neddle exchange programs. Participants included members of the National Aids Brigade, Act-Up, the International Coalition for Addict Self-Help (ICASH), the Coalition for 100% Drug Reform, Rock Against Racism, and the Church of the Realized Fantasies.

Shortly after the demonstration began, both Jon Parker, founder of the National Aids Brigade, and Pope Michael Cesar of the Church were arrested. In the course of arresting Parker, police were especially brutal. Although completely passive when placed under arrest, the police actually broke Parker's wrist when they snapped the handcuffs on him. He was led from the scene screaming in pain.

Shortly before his arrest, Parker was interviewed by Paul DeRienzo, of WBAI radio. He explains how he challenged the law and won in other states, and how he plans to do it in New York.

STATEMENT OF JON PARKER, FOUNDER, NATIONAL AIDS BRIGADE:

"A law recently expired which limits jury trials for certain misdemeanor cases. Now we can demand jury trials for needle exhange arrests. What we want to do is to force police tolerance by creating a volume of these cases. These cases are time consuming, they're very expensive, and they're unwinnable.

In Providence, Rhode Island, three of us were arrested. There was $500 cash bail for each person. They actually put us in prison, body searched us and everything. But when it came time to prosecute, even though it was a felony, they threw the case out, they wouldn't prosecute. Wilmingtion, Delaware, it's the same story. They arrested us, put us in jail for twelve hours, but when it came down to prosecute they threw the case out.

They reviewed what happened in Boston ... We had a needle case in Boston, and it was a one-sided victory. The prosecution couldn't get one witness against us. We had a whole team of expert witnesses. We had a man from Liverpool who said that because of needle exchange in his city, not one I.V. drug user had gotten AIDS from sharing a needle. That means not one woman, not one baby in Liverpool, because of needle exchange programs. So that's the kind of evidence we have. And the prosecution couldn't get anything. So they chose not to go forward. It's the Necessity Defense, that the reason you broke the law was more important than the reason the law was originally made.

These laws against needles were made before AIDS. They only exist in 11 states. In the 39 states where you can get needles over the counter, there's been no increase in drug abuse, and there is a lower instance of drug abuse among the I.V. drug users. In the 11 states where needles are illegal, including New York, you have some of the highest abuse rates in the world, and you have a huge amount of AIDS among the I.V. drug users.

In Boston, New Haven, Providence, Baltimore, Oakland, and Washington, D.C. we've gotten police tolerance to do needle exchange, even though the state laws mandate that it's illegal. New York is the biggest city where there is no such tolerance, and we've got to get more cases here to force the issue. So, we're having a 24-hour period, called the "DAY OF OUTRAGE". The current estimate is that 30,000 more addicts will be infected over the next three years -- that's 25 per day. So we want to get people arrested every hour to try and match this infection rate.

I'm going to get arrested in a little while. I've been arrested five times in New York. One time, we had 5,000 dirty needles! What jury could find us guilty when they see 5,000 dirty needles? We should get paid for getting those needles off the street, not be punished. We were in front of a judge, and we petitioned for a jury, but that was denied. Now that the law has expired, we can go in front of a jury.

The public should demand that they don't waste money prosecuting us, when there's all this violent crime out there. The D.A.'s don't want to go through with a case that's just a big headache, that's so time consuming. If they win, it's not a feather in their cap. They're going to be wasting money fingerprinting us, booking us, locking us up; wasting money that could be put to helping people, not hurting people.

We're trying to save lives, we're not doing anything wrong. We want to get some accountability for our work when we go to court with those dirty needles. Those needles could be on the sidewalk. Some little kid could fall down and get stuck and get infected from dirty needles lying around. One of the best thing about our program is that we get those dirty needles out of circulation.

When we get arrested, the cops really respect us. When we go to a police station with a thousand needles, they're amazed that we get those needles from addicts. Each needle represents interaction with an I.V. drug user, a kind of counseling. We should get paid for this, not prosecuted.

The pendulum is swinging in favor of needle exchange. In Connecticut, they had the first program start a couple of months ago. 81% of the I.V.-drug-user-AIDS cases are in Connecticut, New York and New Jersey. State law was changed to allow a pilot program. The fact that Connecticut, which is so close to New York has swung in favor of needle exchange... It's not going to change quickly, but it's already changing in other states.

People will see that there's a benefit to it when the medical costs come in. There's 100,000 addicts in the city already positive. Up to $100,000 each... do the multiplication, that's $10 Billion. That's not counting the sexual partners and thousands of babies. Some pediatric cases are $300,000 each.

When people see that it works, they'll say, 'Why didn't we do this sooner?' We're going to point our finger right down the line at Dinkins, Myers, Rangel. We're not going to let these people forget. They're smart enough to know that this is something that's life-saving. Charles Rangel says that the Black Community doesn't want needle exchange. If you go to the streets of Harlem, they're human beings, they want to stay alive. They applaud our work. People are always saying, 'God bless you, thank you for coming,' because it shows that someone cares. There's two worlds: the addict world and the straight world. You have to go to the addict world and be with them. It's hard enough to get off drugs anyway. If you have AIDS, it's alot harder. We're trying to keep them AIDS-free until they get into treatment.

The needle exchange program they had in New York was here where the courtrooms are. They should have been community-based where the addicts are. They signed up a small number of addicts, 60 addicts within five months. In a high-drug area, you could sign up 60 addicts in half an hour. They all want clean needles, they all want to stay alive. They're all begging for help.

I was at the Yale School of Public Health, this was five or six years ago, and they were saying, 'Forget about trying to help the addicts, they don't care,' and I knew that wasn't true. So we got people together, and we started. If anyone really thinks about it, this is one very logical way to prevent the spread of AIDS."

Shortly after making this statement, Parker displayed several hundred used syringes and the police moved in. As he was grabbed Parker began, "We're getting arrested to save lives!" But then, "He's putting the cuffs on tight,...my hands are blowing up...look, look at my hands...aaaaahh!!" They dragged him away screaming.

The demonstration then marched on to the 9th Precinct for a "Needle Turn-In". Deputy Inspector Michael Julian was presented with a bucket of AIDS-infected needles. An ICASH representative told Julian, "We have people right here who are willing to take arrests, right now!" Julian replied, "You're telling me that you're bringing in used needles...I'll take them and nobody's going to be arrested. We'll take them off you now, but want to work out a better plan for the future."

The demonstration moved to East 4th Street, to Community Board Three. There, Act-Up member Rachel Shearer was arrested for displaying bleach kits and needles. When asked why she was doing this, Rachel replied, "I believe that the law prohibiting clean needle exchanges is completely inhumane, and it's a death sentence, basically it's like saying, 'OK, I don't believe in your behavior, so I think that you have to run whatever risk you have to run...if condoms were illegal, alot of people would think that's really outrageous, but here the U.S. Government and the Surgeon General are telling people about condoms. Clean needles is just another area people don't want to touch. It's like, 'Fuck you, you use drugs, I.V. drugs, and I don't approve, so therefore you should die.' It doesn't make any sense to me...Drug users are the largest growing population who are dying of AIDS, and their children. It is devastating people's lives. Alot of these people, *if* they're sexually active, don't necessarily have alot of safe sex information or education. So they might get infected from a dirty needle and pass it on to someone else. It spreads like wildfire."

Parker and the AIDS Brigade have vowed to continue the fight. Another needle exchange demonstration with more arrests planned has been called for noon on January 22, at 100 Centre Street. For more information and updates, call the AIDS Brigade at (617) 269-8236 or ICASH at (212) 714-7129.

# JOHN LENNON BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION (OCT.9, 1940) AND MEMORIAL (DEC.8, 1980) JAMS IN NEW YORK CITY

**By Greg Rex/David Peel**

**David Peel met Yoko Ono in Strawberry Fields at the celebration of John Lennon's birthday on October 9th, and they embraced for the first time in 18 years. Peel and his group "The Lower East Side" hung out with John and Yoko in the mid-70s after they moved to New York City, and Peel's group played gigs with Lennon and the Plastic Ono Band. At the birthday celebration, Peel played a medley of Beatle songs as well as several of his own, along with the crowd of Lennon fans there.**

**Two months later, David Peel and the Apple Band, including Tom Doyle, arrived at the Dakota apartment house at 72nd Street and Central Park West on the afternoon of December 8th to commemorate the death of John Lennon at the hands of a questionable "lone nut assassin". The Apple Band wore black since this was a memorial, not a celebration. In front of the Dakota, they played "Power To The People", "John Lennon Yoko Ono Ballad of New York City", among other numbers. In between sets, Yippie pie man Aron Kay discussed CIA complicity in the killing of Lennon. Later, the band made their way to Strawberry Fields.**

**On the benches near the field, the band continued playing songs, including "Marijuana", "John Lennon Forever", and "Imagine". Peel denounced the exploitive nature of the John Lennon TV special that had aired the night before, pointing to the celebration of his death, ripping off his songs, and selling them to commercial sponsors "in neatly packaged plastic".**

**A speaker on a PA system gave up as Peel and the band played, and as the night wore on, the crowd grew, and TV camera crews appeared. Asylum 66 joined the Apple Band as they moved from the benches to the field, where the radicals joined forces singing songs.**

**After a while, the now enlarged group of musicians and fans returned to the Dakota where the celebration of Lennon's music continued in force. As they sang "Power To The People", cops arrived to clear people from the street, which the people took over since their numbers were so large. With clubs in their hands, the cops pushed people to the side as the groups played Peel's anti-cop blues tune "Here Comes A Cop".**

**At that point, one pig lunged at Peel, trying to grab him, but was blocked by band member Greg Rex. The crowd heckled the pigs and they backed off. While trying to sing "I Hate You Mark David Chapman", Peel was stopped by the crowd, who didn't want to hear that name said aloud. Later, the musicians held an impromptu jam for more than an hour at a nearby pizzeria, with strangers dropping in to join the singing inside as the crowd of onlookers outside grew. Some people videotaped as others just recorded the music.**

**Once again, it was evident that John Lennon and his music as a uniting force is just as strong as ever. They can kill a man, but not his music and his message. We love John Lennon now more than ever!!**

# NARCO RAID ON THE POPE of POT IS A BUST!

BY CHRIS FLASH

The storefront office of "We Deliver", a marijuana messenger service run by the Church of Realized Fantasies in New York City was the scene of a raid by the Manhattan South Narcotics squad on November 13th. Accompanied by camera crews from newspapers and television stations in a media showcase that resembled "America's Most Wanted", cops lined up everyone inside, including the head of the church, Pope Michael, for the cameras, just in time for the 6:00 news.

Michael Cesar, the self-ordained Pope of the Church of Realized Fantasies, which has been registered in New York State since 1983, has made no effort to conceal the church's use of marijuana as its holy communion. He was already well known to cops since his service had been busted once before in 1981, for which he received an eight month sentence. He was also set up by undercover cops in 1983 after selling a pound of pot to one of them in Washington Square Park. This was shortly after he publicly dared the NYPD to try to stop his delivery service, which he said was protected by its religious status. This resulted in his getting three years in jail.

In the months just before the November 13th raid, the Pope and his delivery service was the subject of the PBS television series "The Nineties", he advertised his toll-free telephone number (1-800-WANT-POT) on the Howard Stern radio show, and he even marched in New York's Halloween Parade sporting full papal regalia with a giant marijuana leaf on front, passing out free joints and handbills advertising his service. Unfortunately, some of these were also given to undercover cops at the parade.

Storming through the unlocked front door of the church with guns drawn and cameras shooting, cops ransacked the office and handcuffed the congregation. The media rushed inside to get interviews and played with the telephones, which were ringing off the hook. The Pope told the assembled camera crews "The law against marijuana is totally insane--no sane jury will find me guilty". Also present to get credit for the raid was Special Narcotics Prosecutor Sterling Johnson, who told attentive reporters, "We've been after the Pope for a long time".

The narcs announced to the world that they had busted a major drug operation and quickly inflated the size of their catch. Police claimed that "We Deliver" was taking in $40,000 a day, that they had seized 7 pounds of pot, and that the Pope had a luxurious mansion in New Jersey that he purchased with profits from the delivery service. The Pope says the service took in only about $15,000 a day before expenses, that the mansion was inherited by his sister from their father, and that the office had just over 4 pounds of pot, more than 2 pounds of which were stolen by the cops. The Pope also pointed out that cops stole one man's new watch, hashish from some of the messengers, which they were not charged for since hash was not reported by cops. Also taken from the messengers was cash, including $3,000 from the Pope's pocket, which was also not reported. The importance of the raid was belied by a Police Sergeant who told CBS news: "Marijuana is not a serious drug. I don't know why I'm here".

The messengers and office workers were charged with misdemeanor sale and possesson of marijuana. The Pope was hit hardest with felony possession and sale of pot, and he may get conspiracy charges as well. This is his third felony, which classifies him as a "Persistent Felon". Should he be convicted, the Pope faces a sentence of 15 years to life. He was finally released on $15,000 bail, which was reduced from $100,000, and he has retained attorneys Jim Roth and Michael Horowitz.

On his first day out on bail, the Pope was inundated with offers for interviews on WBAI radio, Good Day New York, the Channel 9 and Channel 11 News, the Howard Stern radio and television shows, and a cable show called "Lobster Farm". He has also been the subject of articles in the Village Voice, Rolling Stone, and even the New York Times business section. Cops who thought they were putting the Pope and his church out of business to stop marijuana have only accomplished the opposite result. The Church of Realized Fantasies is back in full swing and the Pope has now intensified his personal crusade to legalize marijuana and explain the beneficial uses of hemp as clothing, fibre, oil, fuel, medicine, and more. In light of marijuana's harmlessness, most media coverage has been sympathetic to the Pope.

The Pope, who has pleaded Not Guilty, hopes to set a precedent which will lead to the legalization of marijuana use. "Marijuana should be like cabbages", he says. He is seeking a trial using "Jury Nullification", which means that a jury votes according to its conscience, regardless of what the law says. (This concept can be applied to any trial for any charge). His defense will be the use of marijuana as the sacrament of his church, which he says is "a vital necessity for those who need it". He asks "How can we find illegal the most useful plant on earth?" Explaining that the government brings in cocaine and heroin, he says the erradication of marijuana is a government plot. He points to the amount spent investigating and arresting him that could have been spent clearing his west side neighborhood block of drug dealers.

"Services" now continue at the church in the former comic book store at Hudson and 13th Streets. The Pope says people are welcome to smoke joints there. Contrary to police procedure when busting coke or heroin spots, the cops didn't padlock or seal the premises after the November 13th bust.

Friends and supporters of the Pope have set up "The Pope Legal Defense Fund", asking that donations be sent in care of James Roth Esq., 299 Broadway, Room #800, New York, N.Y. 10007.


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# ANARCHIST TURN UP THE HEAT at ANTI-BUSH/WAR RALLY

BY A.KRONSTADT

The scene developing across from the Waldorf Astoria late in the afternoon of December 9 was shaping up to be just another dull Workers World/Ramsey Clark walk-around-in-circles travesty of an anti-Persian Gulf War demonstration. The cops had worked out the usual deal with Worthless World's junior KGB-keep the demo on the sidewalk far, far away from the guilty party, in this case Georgie Bush himself, who was scheduled to appear at the Waldorf very shortly, along with his fellow murderers General Colin Powell and Secretary of the Fascist State Baker. By 5:00 it was already clear that the space allotted to us was far too small. The cops had built a blue pigpen of barricades around a one block-long stretch of sidewalk which was now bursting with over a thousand demonstrators. It seemed as if the police were trying to make the demo such an uncomfortable, claustrophobic experience that nobody would ever come to another protest. It also seemed as if this suited the peace bureaucracy just fine.

Shortly after 5:00 an affinity group composed of Lower East Side activists donned their black ski masks. Several of the barricades intended to keep us out of the street came crashing down, and a sea of protestors took the cue and poured out of the pigpen on to Park Avenue. The cops got out of the way, realizing that it would not be wise to compound a traffic mess with a riot. They took their positions on the divider in the middle of the avenue and stayed there, endeavoring to save one lane for traffic. Then the fun began. Masked Tompkins Square activists piled the up-ended barricades in the center of the street, added some kindling and lighter fluid, and all of a sudden the demonstration had a *focus*. It was, after all, a pretty cold night, and people needed some warmth if they were going to hang out and listen to the speeches. Some might say (and some did say, particularly the Workers World peace police) that an antiwar demo is not about kicking over barricades and building fires in the street. The only answer to this is that any demonstration is about **empowerment** and that the first act of empowered people is to mark their space and make themselves warm and comfortable. Demonstrate by their rules, and you ultimately end up dying by their rules.

While all this was going on, about thirty right-wingers gathered on the northern flank of the crowd, waving American flags *on steel poles with pointed ends.* Though the cops continually confiscate black and red flags on wooden (even bamboo) sticks from demonstrators on the grounds that sticks are potential weapons, they merely escorted this group of dickheads across the street to wave their spears at people trying to enter and leave the demonstration. Around the fire, several dozen Amerikkkan flags were burned as demonstrators listened to (or didn't listen to) the speeches, which ranged from liberals kvetching about the strategic inadvisability of war to militants from the Black and Puerto Rican movement talking about the **war at home**.

PHOTO BY JACK DAWKINS

**MEMBERS OF "SMASH" (STUDENTS MOBILIZED AGAINST SUDDAM HUSSEIN) AT COUNTER-DEMONSTRATION.**

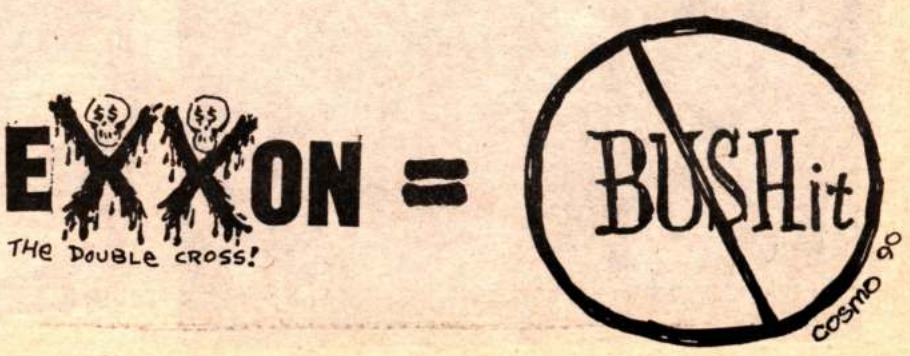
After about an hour and a half of speeches, the crowd began clamoring to march somewhere. It turned out that neither Bush nor any of his henchmen had turned up at the Waldorf, so there was no point in rushing the place. There was a good deal of talk about marching to the United Nations: that den of thieves which had signed a January 15 death warrant for thousands of youth just days before. The talk of a mass march on that obvious target made the "leadership" of the demo a bit nervous. You won't catch Ramsey Clark leading a demo against that international sacred cow, nosiree, not even when it endorses mass murder among its member nations in a quest for **Cheap Oil**. Workers World had some sort of contingency plan which involved marching the crowd down to the Daily News building to support the strikers. Not that there's anything wrong with supporting the strikers (although I didn't hear about anyone at the News refusing to typeset the dozens of warmongering editorials which had appeared in that paper between the beginning of the Gulf crisis and the strike),but the linkage of the two issues seemed artificial at the moment. A spontaneous march to the scene of the crime would have sent a clearer message. At any rate, the WWP phonies led the crowd right into a funnel of cops in front of the Daily News.

PHOTO BY JACK DAWKINS

**ANARCHIST BONFIRE ON PARK AVENUE**

At the corner of Forty-Second Street and Second Avenue, a group of militants from the student group *Hands Off!* staged a "die-in", a peaceful theatrical protest in which everyone falls down in the street at once. The cops rushed in and arrested two women for "dying in public", or some such incomprehensible crime. This provoked a spontaneous confrontation between the cops and about a hundred demonstrators. The police waded in with sticks and horses while Coalition flunkies wearing (appropriately) yellow armbands waved the marchers past whining "support the Daily News strikers, keep moving". Trapped in the funnel, we all had no choice but to disperse quietly, but not before Lower East Side anarchists and radicals held an impromptu speakout on the subject of militancy vs. collaboration with the police.

The purpose of an anti-war movement is to make a nation ungovernable in the face of the intolerable evil of war. This is what the militants of the sixties, many of whom were sent to jail by Ramsey Clark, believed and did. We will not demonstrate by the cops' rules, and we will not act civilized at Ramsey Clark's fucking demonstrations!



# ON A SLIPPERY SLOPE TOWARDS MARTIAL LAW

by Paul DeRienzo and Bill Weinberg

On August 2, 1990, as Saddam Hussein's army was consolidating control over Kuwait, U.S. President George Bush responded by signing two executive orders, declaring a state of "National Emergency." On the surface, Executive Orders 12722 and 12723 merely invoked laws that allowed Bush to freeze Iraqi assets in the United States.

But according to Professor Diana Reynolds, a researcher at the Fletcher School of Diplomacy at Tufts University, when Bush declared a national emergency he "activated one part of a contingency national security emergency plan." That plan is made up of a series of laws passed since the Presidency of Richard M. Nixon, giving the President powers that Reynolds calls "boundless."

According to Reynolds, such laws as the Defense Industrial Revitalization and Disaster Relief Acts of 1983 "would permit the President to do anything from seizing the means of production, to conscripting a labor force, to relocating groups of citizens." Reynolds says the net effect of invoking these laws would be the suspension of the Constitution.

She adds that national emergency powers "permit the stationing of the military in cities and towns, closing off the U.S. borders, freezing all imports and exports, allocating all resources on a national security priority, monitoring and censoring the press and warrantless searches and seizures."

Suspending the Constitution would allow military authorities to proclaim Martial Law in the United States, asserts Reynolds. She defines Martial Law as the "federal authority taking over for local authority when they are unable to maintain law and order or to assure a republican form of government."

A report called "Post Attack Recovery Strategies," about rebuilding the country after a nuclear war, prepared by the right-wing Hudson Institute in 1980, defines Martial Law as dealing "with the control of civilians by their own military forces in time of emergency."

The federal agency with the authority to organize and command the government's response to a national emergency is the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This super-secret and elite agency was formed in 1979 under laws passed by Congress merging all federal powers dealing with civilian and military emergencies under one agency.

FEMA's origins are rooted in the World War Two partnership between government and corporate leaders who helped mobilize the nation's industries to support the war effort. The idea of a central national response to large scale emergencies was reintroduced in the early 1970's by Louis O. Giuffrida, a close associate of then California Governor Ronald Reagan and his chief aid Edwin Meese.

Governor Reagan appointed Giuffrida head of the California National Guard in 1969. With Meese, Giuffrida organized "war-games" to prepare for "state-wide martial law" in the event that Black nationalists and anti-war protesters "challenged the authority of the state." In 1981 Giuffrida was rewarded by President Ronald Reagan and appointed director of FEMA.

According to Diana Reynolds however, it was the actions of George Bush in 1976, while he was director of the Central Intelligence Agency, that provided the stimulus for centralization of such vast powers into FEMA.

A government study group called Team B, assembled by Bush, released a report claiming U.S. policy makers had underestimated the dangers of Soviet nuclear attack. The report advised the development of elaborate plans for "civil defense" and post-nuclear government. Three years later, in 1979, FEMA was designated responsibility for developing these plans.

Aware of the bad publicity FEMA was getting because of its role in organizing for a post-nuclear world, Reagan's FEMA chief Giuffrida publicly argued that the 1865 Posse-Comitatus Act prohibited the U.S. military from arresting civilians.

However, Reynolds says that Congress eroded the act by giving the Reserves an exemption from Posse-Comitatus and allowing them to arrest civilians. The National Guard, under the control of the Governors, are also exempt from the Act and can arrest civilians.

FEMA Inspector General John Brinkerhoff has written a memo contending that the government doesn't need to suspend the Constitution to use the full range of powers allotted to FEMA by Congress. FEMA has drawn up stand-by legislation to be introduced to Congress in the event of national emergency, which would grant the agency sweeping powers, including the right to "deputize" National Guard and police forces. But Reynolds says that actual Martial Law need not be declared publicly.

Giuffrida has written that "Martial Rule comes into existence upon a determination (not a declaration) by the senior military commander that the civil government must be replaced because it is no longer functioning anyway." He adds that "Martial Rule is limited only by the principle of necessary force."

According to Reynolds, it's possible for the President to make declarations concerning a national emergency secretly in the form of a National Security Decision Directive (NSDD). Most NSDDs are classified so sensitive that Reynolds says "researchers don't even know how many are enacted."

Throughout the 1980s, FEMA was prohibited from engaging in intelligence gathering. But on July 6, 1989, President George Bush signed Executive Order 12681, pronouncing that FEMA's National Preparedness Directorate would "have as a primary function, intelligence, counterintelligence, investigative, or national security work." Recent events indicate that such domestic spying in response to a looming Middle East war is now underway.

Reynolds reports that "the CIA is going to various campuses asking for information on Middle Eastern students. I'm sure that there are intelligence organizations monitoring peace demonstrations." According to the University of Connecticut Daily Campus, CIA officials have recently met with faculty there to discuss talking with "Middle Eastern students."

A 1986 Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) document entitled "Alien Terrorists and Other Undesirables: A Contingency Plan" outlines the potential round-up and incarceration in mass detainment camps of US residents who are citizens of "terrorist" countries, chiefly in the Middle East. This echoed a 1984 FEMA nationwide "readiness exercise" code-named REX-84 ALPHA, which included rehearsing joint operations with the INS to round up 40,000 Central American refugees in the event of a US invasion of the region. One of the ten military bases established as detainment camps by the operation, Camp Krome, Florida, was designated a joint FEMA-INS interrogation center.

Recently, FEMA has been criticized in the media for its inadequate response to 1989's San Francisco earthquake. What the media failed to cover was FEMA's role in responding to domestic dissent in the event of an invasion abroad.

Executive Order 12722—Blocking Iraqi Government Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Iraq

*August 2, 1990*

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, including the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), and section 301 of title 3 of the United States Code.

I, George Bush, President of the United States of America, find that the policies and actions of the Government of Iraq constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States and hereby declare a national emergency to deal with that threat.

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# MAYDAY 29 UPDATE: BY A. KRONSTADT

As *Shadow* readers will remember (see full story in issue #11), the Mayday 29 are a group of people arrested at a riot which occurred in Tompkins Square Park on Mayday 1990, when cops from the Ninth Precinct attacked the stage in the middle of the final set of the **Resist to Exist/Squatter Mayday** concert. Twenty-eight cops were injured that night (compared with hundreds of civilian injuries inflicted by the police at the August 6, 1988 riot). The police are determined to exact vengeance for this challenge to their right to beat people up randomly on the Lower East Side. One example of their determination to get each and every one of the Mayday defendants is the addition of several new charges to the cases against a number of misdemeanor defendants at a pretrial hearing on December 5. These charges included accusations of "disorderly conduct" and "unlawful assembly", petty shit which seems to reflect the DA's lack of confidence in obtaining convictions on the original charges of incitement to riot and assault. The prosecution had offered deals of fines and/or community service to these defendants, which were unanimously refused. The addition of these new charges gives the DA an angle for obtaining some kind of conviction, however insignificant. The defendants are hanging together in their determination to accept no plea bargains. Defendant Jerry the Peddler stated that the only deal he might consider accepting would be a "total apology from the cops".

As the State continues in its efforts to fuck the 22 remaining Mayday defendants, the defendants are using the case as a forum to indict the *Criminal Injustice* system and its hit men in blue.

The case is presently in the phase of "pretrial motions", in which the defense and prosecution haggle over the admissibility of evidence and try to dig out the dirt that each has on the other. The defense is working on getting the NYPD intelligence files for those defendants who have been doing political organizing in the community for long periods of time. This is bound to shed light on the extent of pig surveillance and disruption in the Lower East Side, as well as on the existence of a reported "shit list" of political activists at the Ninth Precinct. Defense attorneys are also working on obtaining the Civilian Complaint Review Board records of the arresting cops.

Yet more interesting is a motion introduced on October 13 by defendant Lori Rizzo, who is charged with felony riot. This motion reads, in part, as follows:

*1. I hereby demand in the form of a motion to this court, that*

*a. all law enforcement personnel, before entering the courtroom in which proceedings relevant to the above encaptioned case, be required to surrender all weapons to an authority designated by the court.*

*b. the defendant, being routinely searched for weapons and other items such as certain articles of clothing, jewelry, or recording equipment, deemed unacceptable by the court and/or law enforcement officials, hereby demand that competent parties named by the defendants and approved by the court, be designated as having the authority to search potential violators and seize weapons found on their persons*

*c. that if the defendant is not permitted to carry a flag which represents her political ideas into the courtroom, then the flag of the United States must also be removed.*

The motion contends that the presence of armed court officers violates the presumption of innocence to which all defendants are supposedly entitled. If you need a guy with a gun standing guard over you, there must be something wrong with you, right? And when the judge orders in a flood of extra court cops because those people accused of *riot* are here, this implies that you're really a rioter. The motion also contends that a court can hardly call itself impartial when an Amerikkkan flag is displayed next to the judge's bench while the black flag, which represents the anarchist viewpoint of many of the defendants, is confiscated at the door.

A benefit for the Mayday 29 was held at the Ludlow Street Cafe on December 16 which attracted over one hundred people. The show featured Moogy & the Rhythm Kings, who rocked the house with "The Ghost of Michael Stewart", other songs about the Lower East Side, and classics like "Maggie's Farm". Two Mayday defendants played: Roger Manning and Les Fortunate (who played "Homelessness in America" but didn't get a chance to play his immortal "Fuck the Police"), as well as Baby Monroe, whose act was rudely interrupted by the cops on Mayday.

The next court dates for the MayDay defendants are:
**January 8: 100 Centre Street, Part AP9, 9:30AM (Misdemeanors)**
**February 1: 111 Centre Street, Judge Uvella, 11th Floor, 3:00PM (Felonies)**

# SQUATTER MOVEMENTS...

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**Sandinista programs to redistribute land to hungry campesinos were a process through which the squatter movement was institutionalized. The ATC served as a watchdog, launching protests when they felt that the land redistribution was not going fast enough. The ATC also favored giving campesino families their own land to grow staples such as corn and beans, while many Sandinistas favored big Cuban-style collectives to grow the same cash crops which were produced in the Somoza era, such as coffee and cotton. By 1987, it was clear that the small family-run farms were producing more, so the Sandinistas came to favor the ATC strategy.**

**In February 1990, of course, the Sandinistas were voted out by a Nicaraguan populace weary of the incessant war and economic chaos causd by the U.S. "destabilization" effort. But it appears that the new government of Violeta Chamorro may bring neither peace nor economic security. The Chamorro government is openly planning to return lands which had been taken over by the ATC to their original owners in exile in Miami. If the government goes ahead with these plans, campesino families may find themselves resisting eviction from lands they have been farming for ten years. They may find that they are once again squatters as they were back in 1979.**

## Guatemala

**Peasant squatter movements were also institutionalized during Guatemala's "Social Revolution", ushered in by the democratically elected leftist government of Jacobo Arbenz in the early 1950s. The Arbenz government set legal limits on the amount of land which could be owned by a single person, and empowered campesino unions to take over the lands of those exceeding the limits. This was, essentially, legally-recognized squatting.**

**The big landowners, however, didn't like it, and started scheming with the military to have Arbenz overthrown. Finally, the United Fruit Company (today United Brands) had some of its unused land taken over with full compensation by the government for distribution to landless campesinos. The Company's bosses got on the phone to their friends in the CIA which, in turn, started to organize a coup. In 1954, the CIA's puppets in the Guatemalan army overthrew Arbenz and consolidated a military dictatorship. The campesinos were all evicted from their redistributed land. In the years to come, anyone even speaking of land redistribution was a target for assassination or "disappearance" and torture.**

**Guatemala finally returned to civilian government in 1986, but even now it is obvious that the real power still lies with the military -- "disappearances" and death squad activity continue basically unabated. Campesinos are starting to push their demands for land anyway, however -- and squatting is one of their tactics. The leftist guerilla group known as the URNG (Guatemalan National Revolutionary Union) has staged occupations of big plantations, especially those plantations notorious for abusing and exploiting workers. A populist priest, Father Andres Giron, has also been organizing the campesinos to demand land redistribution, threatening to take over unused plots on big plantations if these demands are not met. In 1989, in response to these threats, the government did turn over a small plantation to Father Giron and his followers to work as a collective. But unless more land is forthcoming soon (which is unlikely given the right-wing outcome of the recent presidential elections), squatter activity is likely to spread in Guatemala, death squad terror notwithstanding.**

## El Salvador

**The land redistribution program launched in El Salvador in the early 1980s had essentially been aimed at winning campesino loyalties from the guerillas of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN). After a few years, the program completely fell apart. The land reform laws were not being enforced because of widespread corruption, and campesinos who organized for the enforcement of the law found themselves targetted by death squads. Today, many campesinos who are working land which was redistributed under the program find themselves threatened with eviction as the former owners sue to have their lands returned. El Salvador's Supreme Court has already ruled in favor of the landed gentry in such cases on several occasions. After such court decisions, the campesinos are essentially squatters. Due to the extreme brutality and violence of the military and death squads, however, there has so far been little resistance to eviction in such cases.**

## Honduras

**Squatting is widespread in Honduras, and it is nonviolent squatter movements rather than guerilla armies which are leading the campesino struggle there. This is because a nationalist regime in the 1970s had instated a land reform law which is still on the books today and demands that idle land be turned over to landless campesinos. The nationalist government had been ousted after the "Bananagate" scandal of 1975, in which it was revealed that Honduran officials were taking bribes from the United Fruit Company not to impose a banana export tax. Since then, the land reform has become bogged down in red tape and corruption, but it remains officially in place. Squatters frequently take over unused land to force the government to enforce the law.**

**Sometimes the government has sent in army troops to have the squatters evicted and the leaders thrown in jail, and squatter leaders are also frequently terrorized by the private goon squads of the plantation owners. But on other occasions, squatters' rights have been rcognized by the government and they have been granted legal title to the land, with the government compensating the owners.**

## Costa Rica

**Costa Rica is by far the most peaceful country in Central America, but right-wing paramilitary groups (with links to the CIA, the Nicaraguan contras and the Salvadoran death squads) threaten this situation. One of the things these paramilitary groups do is evict precaristas from lands they squat. In June of 1988, precaristas organized blockades of Costa Rica's major highways to press their demands for legal recognition of their squatted land. And in 1987, hundreds of squatters who were evicted from a tropical rainforest reserve (where they had been trying to survive by panning for gold in the park's waterways) staged a weeks-long encampment in the central square of Costa Rica's capital, San Jose, to demand compensation. Faced with a permanent tent city in the very center of downtown San Jose, the government finally capitulated and agreed to compensate the squatters.**

# Alternative Press Reviews

By Chris Flash and P.Nip

Here are some of the many alternative publications and underground newspapers and zines we receive at the SHADOW. Since there are so many good zines around, we'll keep publishing reviews for them as space allows. If you have a publication that you'd like us to review, please send a sample issue to: SHADOW PRESS, P.O. Box 20298, New York, N.Y. 10009. (If you contact any of the zines reviewed here, please tell them you saw their review in the SHADOW).

**ECHOMEDIA BULLETIN**--(P.O.Box 915, Stn F, Toronto, Ont. M4Y 2N9. No price). This great four page newsletter comes out every 2 weeks, covering up to the moment Anarchist news, local and worldwide, pig violence, news on squatters, prisoners, Indians, and the environment. They've also got an Anarchist Hotline with info, news and events (unfortunately, it's only in Canada). We'd like to see more pubs like this one in the USSA.
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**PROFANE EXISTENCE**--(P.O.Box 8722, Minneapolis, MN 55408. $1.50 each, $9/year). Covering news on the Anarchist Punk Movement, with lots of band interviews, prisoner news, and zine + record reviews. They are part of the Anarchist Youth Federation (AYF), a distribution network for alternative/independent zines and music, eliminating slimey exploitive corporate middlemen and record companies in order to get their stuff directly to the people.

**SLINGSHOT**--(700 Eshleman Hall, Berkely, CA 94720. No price, Donations accepted). Berkely's equivalent of the SHADOW. Cutting edge investigative pieces on local politics, gentrification, police repression. Angry, joyous, militant, irreverent. Berkely Anarchists have been mixing it up with the local constabulary almost as frequently as their Lower East Side comrades. Slingshot is in debt and needs money fast if it is going to survive, so send them what you can.
**TRASH PICKINS**--(Crypto Press, P.O.Box 9152, Virginia Beach, VA 23450. Free). A neat 8 page review of "the ever-consolidating police state". Their first issue reprints news articles and photos from the racist pig Labor Day Riot in Virginia Beach in 1989.

**THE UPRIGHT OSTRICH**--(P.O.Box 11691-0691, Milwaukee, WI 53211. $3.00/sample copy, $25/year). Warning its readers of gov't leaders "assisting in a conspiracy to overthrow all existing governments and establish a **New World Order**", this concise newszine has it's eyes on the gov't, which they expose as the anti-democracy it is. The Dec.1990/Jan.1991 issue shows map of World Gov't Plan for alien troops to police the US in event of the New World Order and exposes "Slippery Lips" Bush family's financial interests in the Persian Gulf, among other revelations from contributing news sources.
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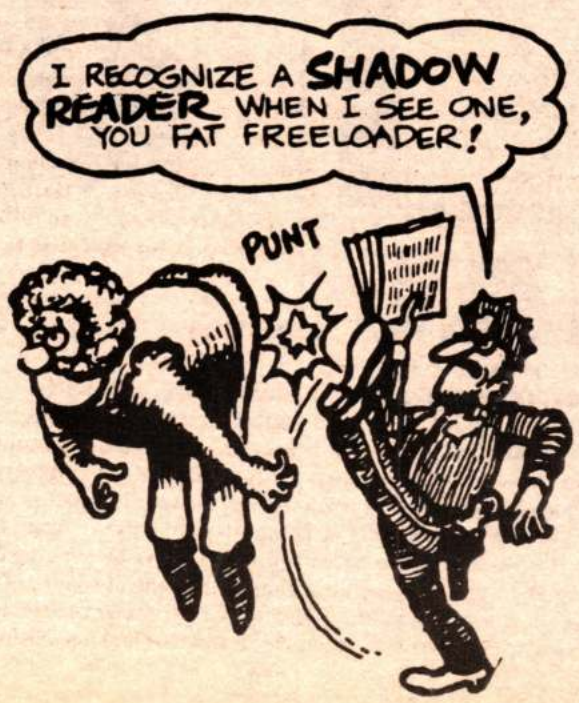


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Phoenix — Jack in the Box pulled its radio and TV ads in Phoenix and is trying to keep a low profile after one of its cooks was arrested here on suspicion of blowing his nose into a hamburger he served to a police officer.

The cook, George Juan Kuehme, 20, was fired after the incident Monday.

Jack in the Box spokeswoman Jan McLane Rieger said Wednesday that the fast-food chain withdrew for two weeks its broadcast commercials because of bad publicity, including "jokes being made on various radio stations."

There are 78 Jack in the Box franchises in the Phoenix area.

Police said Kuehme, an employee for less than a week, blew his nose onto one of the burgers two police officers had ordered at the drive-up window.

One officer, Gary Underhill, had taken three bites from his sandwich when he noticed something wrong, police said.

Kuehme is alleged to have told a co-worker, "That's what the cop gets." He was booked on suspicion of aggravated assault, adding a harmful substance to food and disorderly conduct.

Rieger said a second employee was fired over the incident. She said the company apologized to Underhill and has contributed $2,000 to a police fund.

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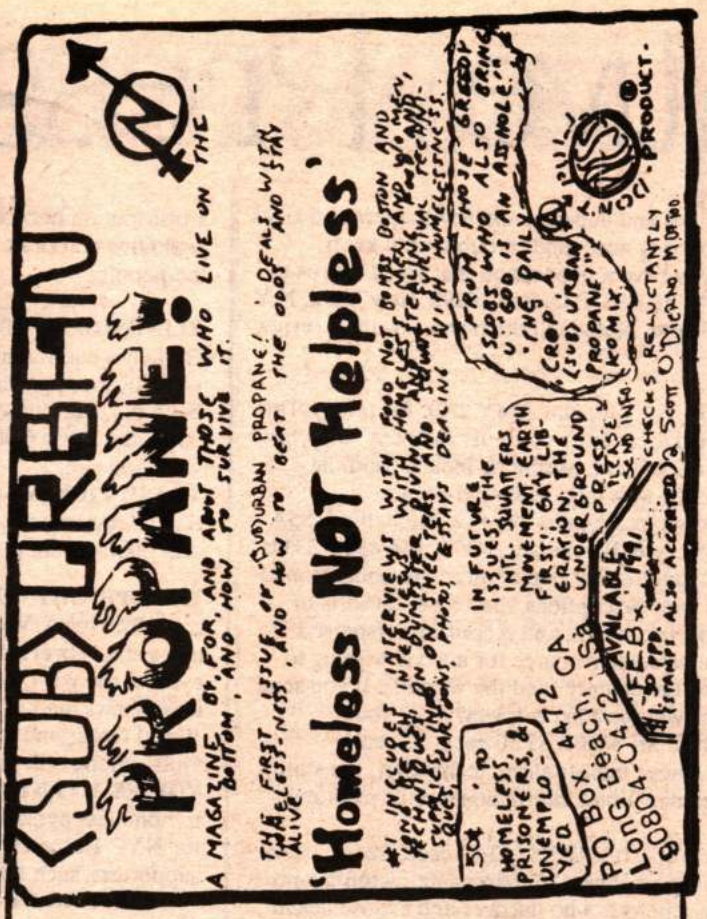
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